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## BRITISH VOLUNTEERS FOR FINLAND

London, To-day.

Amidst cheers from all parts of the House, Sir Victor Warrender, Financial Secretary to the War. Office, announced in the Commons in answer to a question from Mr. W. Gallagher, the Communist M.P., that he understood the Finnish Legation in London was supervising an organisation for the purpose of enabling volunteers to offer their services to Finland. -Rauter.

IT LOOKS A PHONEY

## PEACE

London, To-day. A six-point peace plan, alleged to have been drafted by Field-Marshal Goering and approved by Hitler, is announced by the New York radio, quoting a Stockholm report.

The points were:

Firstly, no country to claim indemnities.

Secondly, economic problems to be solved by conference.

Thirdly, the Sudeten region to become German.

Fourthly, Poland to cede to Germany all territory held by the Reich before the Treaty of Versailles.

Fifthly, a plebiscite in Aus-

Year, there will be no leave "China Mall," We take this opportunity of extending all good wishes to our Chinese readers.

LONDON, TO-DAY. THE GREAT SNOWFALL OF JAN. 27 LEFT BEHIND IT NATIONWIDE LOSS AND DAMAGE WORSE THAN ANYTHING IN ALL THIS CENTURY'S WEATHER RECORDS.

From the north of Scotland to the southern counties there came stories of troubles and disasters which, because of the censorship on weather news, could not then be revealed.

Now a strange and chaotic picture can be drawn. are some of its details:

Those long-distance trains which ran so late were held up in snowdrifts that sometimes buried the snowploughs sent to clear them away.

In some railway cuttings the drifts were 30 feet deep. Over some country roads traffic was virtually at a standstill.

Cows and sheep were buried on mountainsides. A hundred villages were cut off from supplies of food and fuel.

#### Aeroplanes dropped rations by parachute to isolated troops in Scotland.

Reuter.

ICE-PACKS IN TRENT

famous tidal stretch of the River Trent,

For the first time in 50 years peo-

While householders could not get | their regular milk supplies, farmers could not get their milk away from ple were able to walk across the the farms.

The railways were the greatest sufferers, and Scotland was the area in Gainsborough. which they suffered most.

About 2,000 travellers were marooned in trains somewhere near the border.

Workmen had to use pneumatic drills to clear some of the icebound roads.

### "LOCAL ACTIVITY"

Paris, To-day. Last night's French war communique said there was local activity by French patrols in the region west of the Saar.-Reuter.

tria under Austro-German-Franco-British supervision.

Sixthly, a German-Franco-British commission to decide on the disposal of Czecho-Slovakia and the Polish lands in order to obtain a peaceful agreement. - Reuter.

#### How Does It Compare With This?

Warsaw, To-day. A Nazi newspaper published in Warsaw advises Germans not to learn Apparently, fluency in Polish is to

be regarded as unpatriotic.

The article says that there is no reason why conquerors should adapt themselves to the conquered, aspecially not in our case. No German should learn more Folish than is sufficient to "pass the

## ITALIAN ARMS FOR FINLAND

Paris, To-day. equipment from War Italy for Finland which was recently stopped in transit by Germany, has been returned to Italy and re-shipped to Finland via France, it is stated here.

It is understood-that consignments are now passing through France en route to Finland.

Official circles claim to have reliable information that Germany, while withholding assistance from the Finns, is sending material assistance to the Russians. — Reuter.

#### LORD TWEEDSMUIR HURT IN FALL

Ottawa, To-day. Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmulr, is suffering from concusstretching from the Humber to above sion as result of a fall inside Govern-

The river was jammed with ice- ment House. packs some eight to 10 feet high.- At present he is resting comfortably.—Reuter.

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## WE KILL THEM ONE BY ONE," SAYS CHIEF OF GHOST PATROL

With The Finnish Northern Army. From the leader of a Finnish "ghost patrol" I heard to-day details of the daring tactics they use in attacking the Russians.

The man, Aarne Valkama, was former ski-shooting champion of the world. He led in the forests of Salla one of those white-cloaked Finnish patrols which, almost invisible, attack again and again.

He lay to-day against the pillows of a field hospital bed, wounded through the ribs and the right hand by Russian machine-gun bullets.

This is his story: "Ever since 1924 our instincts told us to prepare with all our might for a conflict with Russia. We studied in the army and the civil guard every possible ruse of this northern warfare.

"We especially studied the art of shooting from skis at speed. We trained ourselves to unsling our rifles. lean them against our left arm where they are held in position by a small leather band, and shoot as we move down hill at full speed.

"We trained at potting targets set low in the snow and small floating balloons."

Valkama, a house painter by trade, holds the rank of a corporal.

He told me these ghost patrols are composed of the same men, who always work together. They come to know each other's strengths and weaknesses.

They go out in the evening and ski through the forests till dawn watching left alive. Russian movements.

blow up a bridge behind the Salla wounded Valkama.

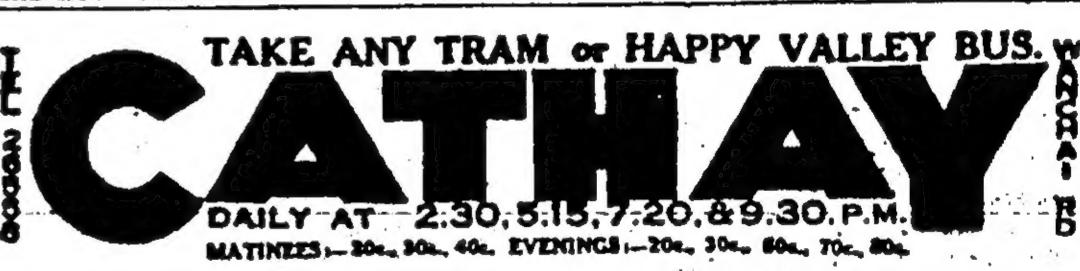


Margaret Dumont and Groucho Marx In "Marx Brothers at the Circus," which starts its Hong Kong run at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-day.

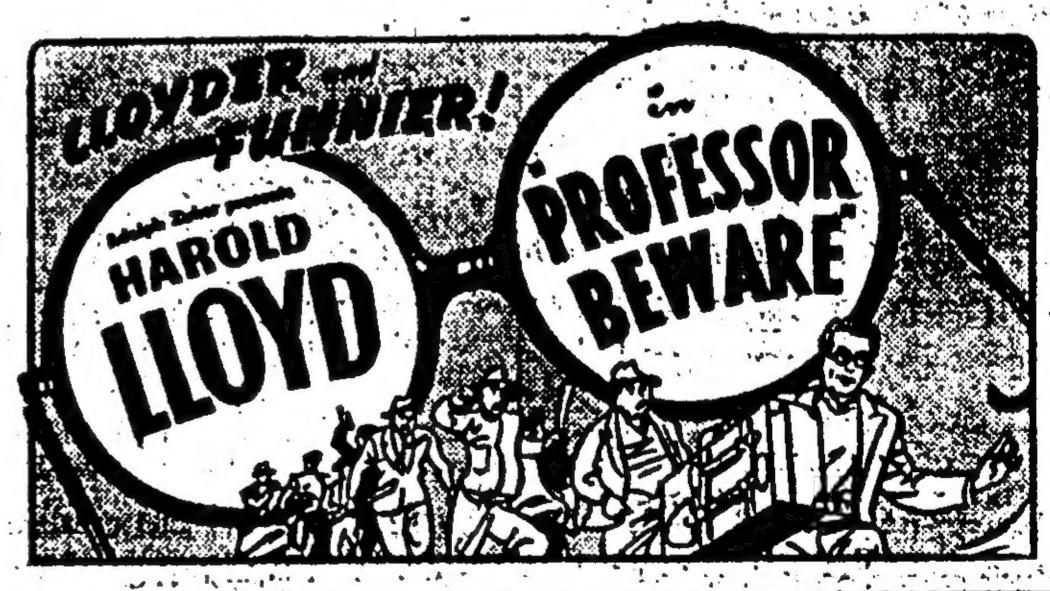
front. Two Russian tanks moving up the road drove off part of the patrol from their ammunition sledge.

Valkama and the others advanced to recapture the sledge. Russian infantrymen hiding in a ditch tried to stop them, but, said Valkama simply: "We killed them- one by one every time they showed above the ditch. Soon only two or three were

But five more tanks came up, and a Valkama was wounded on a trip to burst from one of the machine guns



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# BATTED

Helsinki, To-day.

ALTHOUGH, IN ACCORDANCE with past practice, the Finnish High Command will release no information concerning the reported wiping-out of the entire Soviet 18th Division north of Lake Ladoga until victory is finally and decisively won, it is reported from reliable sources that between 15,000 to 20,000 Soviet troops have either perished there or have been taken prisoner.

Soviet air raids on Finland fell off the Finns have wiped up the remon Monday, and were chiefly directed nants of the 18th Division and are now claim to have destroyed 250 So- sion, which is menaced by a similar viet machines, for the loss of only 15 Finnish 'planes.

Commenting on this, expert observers say that the Soviet machines are mostly obsolete or obsolescent, that the Russians are short of trained fighters, and that Soviet materials are of indifferent quality and poorly maintained.—Reuer.

#### Situation Confused

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day. The situation is becoming more confused despite the comforting news of the destruction of the Russian 18th Division.

Precise information from the Kare-Jian Isthmus is lacking, although it is officially claimed that the further violent onslaught of the Red Army yesterday had been repulsed by midnight.

Correspondents in this zone, however, compare the Rossian artillery fire with the most intense at any period of the Great. War and add that the Finnish forces are suffering their heaviest losses since the Soviet invasion.

The series of attacks aiming at Viborg are resulting in some prohigh.

the attack on Summa yesterday.

to the north of the country. The Finns concentrating on a second Soviet divifate. — Havas.

#### "Everywhere Repulsed"

Helsinki, To-day.

A Finnish communique says that on the Karellan Isthmus the Reds, on the morning of Monday after preparatory artillery, began a heavy, attack at several points between Hatjalahdenjaervi and Summa.

Over 100 armoured cars were used in the battle, which continued heavily all day.

By midnight the attacks everywhere had been repulsed, with heavy Soviet losses. The Finns destroyed 22 armoured cars.

North-east of Lake Ladoga the Finns repulsed continuous enemy attacks on the Pitkaranta Archipelago and the coast, the Reds losing several hundreds killed.

The Finnish air force on Sunday night bombed Russian troops encamped round fires. - Reuter.

#### Rounding Up Remnants

Stockholm, To-day. Stealing through forests and over rocky terrain, Finnish patrols last night were rounding up the remnants of the Soviet 18th Division to prevent gress, although the cost has been any joining the four Russian divisions known to be further north.

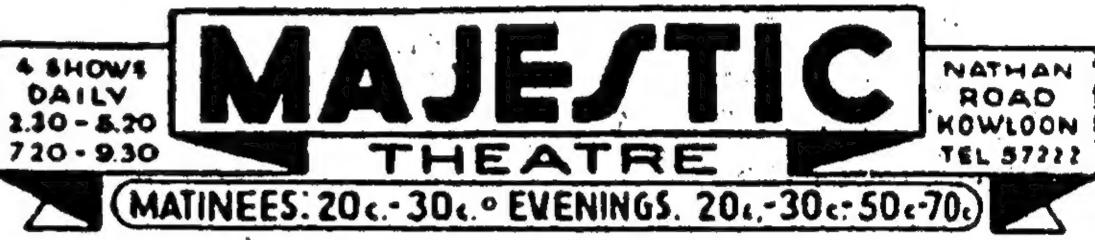
Reliable reports indicate that the The newspaper "Allehanda" estim-Red Army threw two divisions into lates the number of Russians hitherto killed in the Kitela operations to be Meantime, there is information that at least 5,000.—Reuter.



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## Renewed Talk Of Menace Of Russia To Persia

## ITALIANS KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON DEVELOPMENTS

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The Prime Minister added that

INFORMATION TO THE ENEMY.

of information. — Reuter.

drive.

INFORMED QUARTERS FEAR A POSSIBLE GER-MAN-SOVIET ACTION TOWARDS THE GULF OF PERSIA AND THE OM AN SEA.

Iran and Afghanistan are making extensive military preparations. Iran has purchased many planes from abroad and is strengthening her borders while Afghanistan has ordered partial mobilisation.

A combined German-Russian move would threaten both the position of the Allies in the Near East and Britain's communications with India.

Meanwhile local politicians are deeply impressed by the Allies' action in the Near East, especially the tion in the Near East, especially the Syria Anglo-French preparations in Syria

and Mesopotamia. Considerable importance is attached to the impending visit to Italy of Gen. Maxime Weygand, former Commander-in-Chief of the French Army, who is at present inspecting the defence works of Egypt and will shortly attend the manoeuvres of Anglo-Egyptian troops. - Havas.

## FRANCE NOT SATISFIED

Paris, To-day. Discussing the Japanese bombing of a train on the Yunnan-Haiphong Railway, "Le Temps," organ of the French Foreign Office, says events like this are difficult to reconcile with the policy recently announced to the Diet by Mr. Arita, the Foreign Minister, emphasising that the Japanese Government is taking every possible step to protect the rights and interests of third powers.

"It is hoped that prompt settlement of this incident will fully confirm this ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF doctrine."-Reuter.

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## TO SWEDEN (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Paris, To-day.

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"THREAT"

Germany's diplomatic pressure against Sweden is seen by Madame Tabouls, writing in L'Oeuvre, who points out that this pressure was actually supported by German troop concentrations on the Reich's Baitic shores opposite Sweden.

Nevertheless, she says that the Reich does not mean actually to attack Sweden any, more than she means to attack Rumania, since operations against these countries would entail the most serious risks.--Havas.

was issued yesterday follow-ing the talk between Mr. OF NEW Jinnah, President of the All-India Moslem League, and ZEALAND INVESTIGATION FOR A DRIVE the Viceroy. AGAINST SPIES, SABOTEURS AND

COMMUNIQUE STATED Mr. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the THAT MR. JINNAH URGED ON THE F.B.I., stated that the Bureau plans to VICEROY THE GREAT IMPORT-ANCE ATTACHED BY THE OTHER MINORITIES

being kept on 540 industrial plants the British Government were fully IN THE LETTER AND SPIRIT EVER alive to the necessity of safeguarding SINCE. engaged in producing military and the legitimate interests of minorities, and that Mr. Jinnah need be under no New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. those interests would be lost sight of. last night. -Reuter.

## BUILDING

House of Representatives naval committee, after seeing the President yesterday, said President Roosevelt had approved the naval building pro-

Mr. Vinson added that the House naval committee would act on the Bill on Thursday. - Reuter.

London, To-day. The Southern Rhodesian Red Cross there had been no failure to take vigilant precautions against leakage has sent £1,000 to the Lord Mayor's Fund.—Reuter.

## VICEROY & MOSLEMS

TO THE SAFE-In evidence before the committee GUARDING OF THEIR POSITION.

## PROGRAMME Washington, To-day.

Mr. Carl Vinson, chairman of the weaken as the years pass.-Reuter. gramme.

## FRANCE HAS SIX HALF

London, To-day. steady development all round. Appetite | A MEMBER OF the French military mission in London increases and digestion begins to yesterday drew attention to the insidious nature of German propaganda in France, which was especially directed to peasants' wives.

The authority gave an account of the amazing forethought devoted to ensuring the efficiency of the Maginot Line, which cost 100,000,000,000 francs, equivalent to the cost of 100 battleships.

Before the war, he said, France re- France the necessary respite to comgarded the main danger as a sudden plete her preparations. attack by the combined German land France had increased her deand air forces against the frontier and fences considerably and had through neutral countries, which brought the efficiency of the army

question and Germany had allowed in the field. Reuter.

might impede French mobilisation. up to a tremendous pitch.

## MOSCOW ERECTING AN OBSTACLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day. Paramount strategical, political and economic significance is attached to the Soviet decision to widen the gauge of the main railway passing through Lwow in Soviet-occupied Poland.

The new width means that rails will be of similar gauge to Soviet Russia. This means that all trade between Germany and Rumania, whose rallways have narrower gauges than the Soviet, will necessitate transhipment on Russian carriages from Rumania to the German border thereby precluding heavy traffic through this line between Rumania and the Reich. -Havas.

## An agreed communique CENTENARY

LONDON, TO-DAY. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THE BRITISH AND THE MAORIS OF NEW ZEALAND SIGNED THE TREATY OF WAITANGI, PLACING THE TWO COMMUNITIES ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY AND THE The Viceroy assured Mr. Jinnah that TREATY HAS BEEN HONOURED

This point was emphasised by the apprehension that the importance of M. J. Savage, broadcasting to Britain

New Zealand, he said, in developing her own culture, was influenced by Maori culture and lore.

It proved its nationhood when it sent ever 100,000 soldiers to serve in the World War, and it was now proving that the ties with Britain do not

## QUEEN

LONDON, TO-DAY. THE KING AND QUEEN YESTER-DAY VISITED THE CITY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE WAR, THE OCCASION BEING A RECEPTION BY THE LORD MAYOR AND LADY MAYORESS AT MANSION HOUSE TO CEREBRATE THE CENTENARY OF NEW ZEALAND.

The King, wearing the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, inspected a guard of honour composed of the New Zestand Anti-Tank Corps, who were mounted in front of Mansion House.

Guests at the reception included Mrs. Chamberlain and several Dominions High Commissioners.—Reu-

### OVERSEAS DONATIONS TO ST. DUNSTAN'S

London, To-day. India, Burma, and 29 British colonies and territories are giving active support to St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Ex-servicemen.

Over £11,000 has already been recelved

Contributions have come from Nigerie, Burma, Indie, Mauritius, the That, however, was now out of the To-day, France had 6,500,000 men Seychelles and North Borneo, among

## SERGEANT'S "HOUSE" IN A TREE

While Hitler has been hesitating, the French have been working with antlike activity extending and strengthening the defences in front and around the Maginot Line, writes a war correspondent from France.

Each week some new fortification rises, with anti-tank guns and machine-guns and rows of barbed wire to hold infantry at bay.

An officer described how the Germans would be fought, how the guns from the forts would produce a series of flank bombardments which would be like huge blades cutting back and forth.

· Artificial flooding of low-lying areas would put enemy tanks and heavy equipment out of action. In nearby woods, each of them ringed with barbed wire, were innumerable machine-gun nests which you could not discern until you were on top of them. HIS "NEGRO VILLAGE"

These nests, so hidden, so sinister,

## A.R.P. HAS 'UNION'

Progress is being made by the newly formed A.R.P., section of the Transport and General Workers' Union. Members are enrolling in all parts of the country, and a number of local branches are already at work.

The autocratic inclinations of some local authorities have been successfully curbed. In one instance a Council was compelled to cancel a plan for route marches of A.R.P. workers.

In other cases where local officials have opposed Trade Union membership, the matter has been taken up with the local authorities.

Where A.R.P. workers are already Trade Unionists, their cards are recognised by the new organisation.

"We have made representations to the Home Office as a result of which one complete day's rest in seven has been granted," Mr. W. D. Goss, who is in charge of the section, declared. "Hours of work and the difficulties created by the rise in living costs since the £3 rate was instituted will obviously have to be considered in the future."

For workers in the Auxiliary Fire Service a joint committee has been set up which is now considering wage questions.

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sweep the low-lying country - about knee high. They fire fast. The guns are the joy of the men.

One young officer proudly showed me what he called his negro village of mud huts. Each was warmed with a brazier and had a comfortable bed of straw. One ingenious sergeant had gone completely aborigine.

He had built a platform for himself high up in the fork of two trees growing close together like the houses New Guinea natives build.

The French can build their blockhouses in a few days. You have only to talk to the men who have built them, and whose job it now is to hold them, to realise the confidence they have in these compact steel-and concrete forts.

I have watched block-houses grow from the preliminary excavations to the building of the thick walls and roofs and the laying of the guns. .

by frontline troops despite torrential vious to shells.



Groucho Marx who, with Chico' and Harpo, appears at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-day in "Marx Brothers at the Circus."

rain and snow and bitter cold. French block-houses which have come under This huge task had been achieved enemy fire have proved to be imper-

## GERMAN BOMBS WILL NOT SCARE OUR FISHERMEN

In towns and little villages along to spend some time with their famithe East Coast of Britain there are a lies, but soon they will be off. thousand and one proofs of the futility of Hitler's barbarous bombing of commented Mr. Brooks. fishing boats.

They are the fishermen of England, the men whose prototypes have been immortalised in verse and ballad just as long as there has been an England.

"If Hitler hopes to scare us off the sea by this sort of thing, he's got another think coming," one man declar-

That seems to be the attitude of the whole fishing community.

"It is like this," said Harry Brooks, of it." of High-street, Caister-on-Sea. "Fish is good food-particularly in war-and it has to be got regardless of Hitler. We shall try to get it."

Cool, implacable Harry Brooks represents the kind of man Ribbentrop should have told Hitler about instead of gabbling about British decadence. He risked his life in the last war in the dangerous work of the Dover patrol, and now he is ready for the national service of fishing.

fishermen are seizing the opportunity civilian populations."

"We are going with good hearts,"

Following on the heels of the old salts are young fishermen, who will carry on the fight. . They are merely waiting until they are old enough to join the minesweepers. Meanwhile, they are fishing "as usual.". They mince no words about Hitler.

Albert Smith, of Braddock-road, Caister, a drifter deckhand said, with a flash in his eyes, "It is a rotten, cowardly game to sink the boats and then machine-gun the crews on top

#### REPRISALS WANTED

He is going to the fishing grounds regardless of the cold or the Nazis. "To blazes with Hitler," he commented.

Many of the fishermen, are asking for reprisals.

"The best way to answer a madman like Hitler is to give him a dose of his own medicine," sald one veteran.

"These attacks on fishing vessels At present many of the East Coast are as bad as bombing unprotected

## NUDE GIRL IN SEA MYSTERY

A girl, whose nude, mutilated body was found in the sands of Foulness Island at the mouth of the Thames, had been in the sea for three months.

This was stated when a verdict of "Found dead" was returned at the inquest at Rochford.

The head and limbs were detached from the body, and a doctor said that it was impossible to determine the cause of death. The girl was between 24 and 25 and was well-developed.

It was stated that the only clue was an elastic band from an undergarment bearing a manufacturer's tab relating to goods made in this country and sent to Germany or Scandinavia.

#### MOVE TO STOP BARBER-SPIES

Because they hear so much from talkative customers, barbers are recommending approach to the Home Secretary for legislation prohibiting enemy aliens working as barbers' assistants.

The decision was taken at a London meeting of hairdressing trade delegates.

One hairdresser complained that an advertisement for an assistant to replace one called up for military service had been answered by an Austrian refugee in an internment camp.





By Ed Reed



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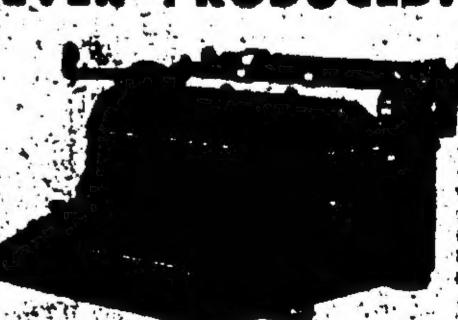
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## BRITISH ARMS DRIVE

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## AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERS!

London, To-day.

CONCERNING ITSELF WITH Home affairs, the British Press yesterday commented on the Government's plans for increased arms production and the meeting between the Minister of Labour and the delegates from the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

The "Daily Telegraph" comments that the Union's undertaking to help the scheme is in line with the undoubted co-operation it has already given.

The members of the Union can be regarded as the "key-men of the arms industry" and they are putting GAS-MASK aside their rooted objection to any interference with labour in the work WARNING

The "News Chronicle" says that the Union will be of the greatest value to the Government's plan, as it is in a position to give advice regarding the handling of the new Labour Army required; their presence, too, will be a guarantee that the programme will be carried out with speed and vigour.

Many of the Home papers think the plan will decrease the unemployment figures, which they think are not as good as they should be .-Reuter.

#### Cannot Be Too Extensive

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. The new British arms drive, colossal as it is, can never be too extensive, says the "News Chronicle," in view of the fact that daily reports Nazis are mobilising all their industrial resources.

programme would, incidentally, result in wiping out all or most unemployment,---Havas.

### 60,000 VISITORS

Over 60,000 visitors have thus far attended the exhibition of the manufactured products of Hong Kong industry at Happy Valley.

The Director of Air Raid Precautions draws attention to the fact that application forms for respirators have now been in place at various Police Stations for the last three weeks.

In order that the number of respirators required by the general public can be ascertained, and arrangements made for fitting, etc., it is proposed to withdraw these forms on the 1st of March, 1940.

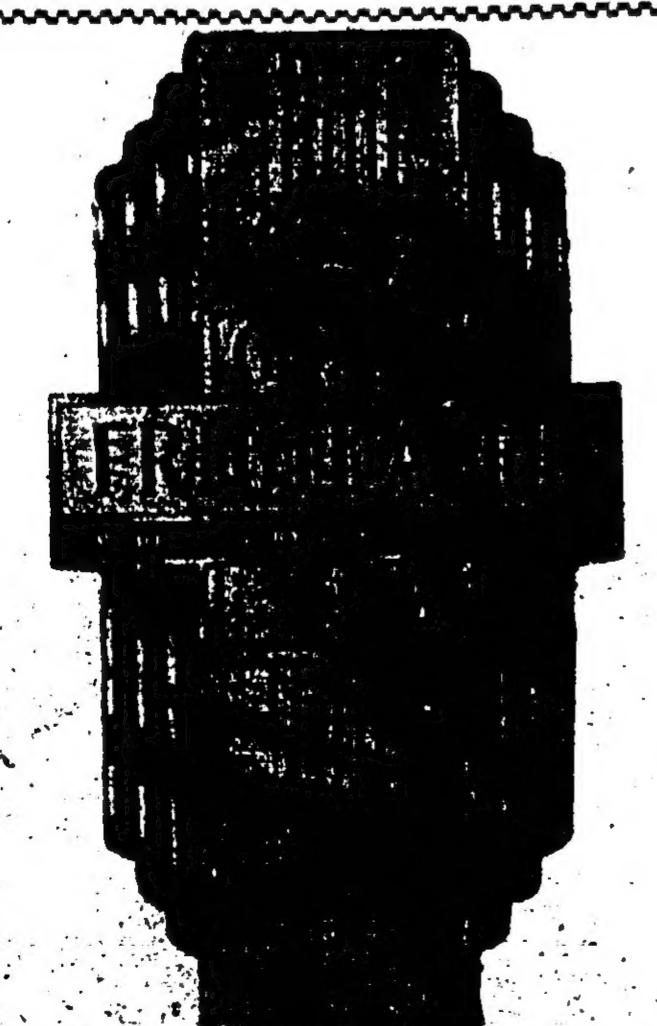
It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that anyone desiring to obtain a respirator under the Government scheme should either obtain a form from the Police Station or apply to the Director of Air Raid Precautions before the 29th February, 1940.

#### FATAL ACCIDENT

A fatal accident occurred in Prince from Germany announce that the Edward Road near Grampian Road at 11.15 o'clock last night when an unidentified Chinese was knocked down Fulfilment of the Government's by a bus. The body was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

## GENEROUS GIFT

Singapore, To-day. A gift of £800 has been made by the State of Brunel to the Malaya Patriotic Fund. This is a very generous gift, for the population of Brunei is only 30,000 people.—Reuter.



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## ON THE FENCE

Melbourne, To-day. Speaking about the attitude of neutrals, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Sir Honry Gullett, said that the neutrais recognized the justice of our cause and the rottenness of the German cause.

Nevertheless, history showed that neutrals wanted to be on the winning side, and, therefore, we must establish that we are the ultimate winners before we can expect the more powerful neutrais to join us.-Reuter.

#### ULSTER'S WAR EFFORT

Belfast, To-day. Northern Ireland's contribution to war food problems was the subject of a broadcast by the Premier.

He said that a quarter of a million additional acres were being ploughed, and Northern Ireland intended to increase its output of flax.-Reuter.

#### SHIPS TO MACAO TO-MORROW

Shipping traffic between Hong Kong and Macao will be completely suspended to-morrow, Chinese New Year Day, when no boats will ply between the two Colonies.

The normal services will be resumed on Friday.

## REPRIEVE AGAIN REFUSED

London, To-day. The Eire High Commissioner, Mr. John Dulanty, called on Mr. Chamberlain at 10, Downing Street last night in connection with last-minute efforts to secure a reprieve of . the condemned I.R.A. men.

The visit has not changed the British Government's attitude, says Reuter's lobby correspondent.

The I.R.A. men were sentenced to death in connection with the Coventry bomb outrage. — Reuter.

#### Special Guards On Birmingham Prison

London, To-day.

During yesterday afternoon and evening the special police guards around Birmingham Prison were doubled, the Reserves being specially called out, owing to fear of Irish Republican Army outrages in connexion with the impending execution of two Irishmen.

Police were stationed at intervals by yards all round the prison walls, while others patrolled the streets.

Others were posted inside the prison and in the gatehouse.

Pedestrians loltering near the prison were ordered to move on.-Reuter.

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## HONOURS FOR CAPTAIN FIRST MATE OF TWO SHIPS

London, To-day.

TWO STORIES OF coolness, courage and seamanship by British Mercantile Marine officers made front page news in last night's "London Gazette,". which announces the award of the O.B.E. to Capt. John Steward, Master of the Hope Star, and Thomas Ward, First Mate of the Oakgrove.

The "Gazette" relates that the Hope Star, sailing alone in heavy weather, was attacked by a German submarine. By putting the helm hard aport the Chief Officer cleared the torpedo by five yards.

periscope was sighted and later a se- fireman came to the surface only cond torpedo was fired, which clear- slightly injured, but the captain was ed the ship's stern by less than a never seen again. fathom.

and the Master hoisted flag signals ing the boat throughout a six-hour to suggest that a warship had been passage though he was numb with sighted.

A third torpedo passed within a fathom of the ship and then the enemy's conning-tower emerged and the Hope Star fired at it, one shell nearly hitting, and the submarine dived quickly.

SMOKESCREER ESCAPE On the approach of dusk the Master made a smoke screen and zigzagged

into it. "The Hope Star was saved from the long relentless attack by the courage, judgment and seamanship of her Mas-

ter and the ready skill of her gunner," the Gazette concludes. OAKGROVE DRAMA

Relating the sinking of the Oakgrove by enemy aircraft, the "Gazette" tells how as the ship went down the Captain, radio officer and a fireman were sucked down by the whirlpool.

When the vessel reached bottom the

Half an hour later the submarine's swell abated and the radio officer and

The First Mate, in one of the ship's The Hope Star fired at the periscope | boats, set sail 20 miles for land, steer-

> The Second Mate, though he had no sailing experience, followed the First Mate's lead in the other boat, and both reached land safely;

"In an unarmed ship, too slow to be handled in her own defence, the First Mate shepherded his crew with such courage, skill and coolness that the intense fire of two powerful enemy aircraft at point-blank range caused. them no hurt," says the "Gazette."-Reuter.

## OFF SHIP

Capetown, To-day. Six Germans were landed here yesterday under military guardi They were taken of the Portuguese liner. Nystee by a British warship

off the South African Coast.—Reuter.

## Virtual Settlement Of The "Asama Maru" Incident

## DENTICAL STATEMENTS IN LORDS & COMMONS

London, To-day. IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS yesterday, Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, spoke about the so-called Asama Maru "incident."

Replying to Lord'Snell, he reminded the House that the Japanese Foreign Minister had made a statement to the Japanese House of Peers earlier yesterday on the same subject.

pondence between the two countries right does not, in the view of the the present case gives rise." would be laid before the House.

that some of the men removed from of the neutral state involved and this the Asama Maru are relatively un- has been amply demonstrated in the suitable for military service, and al- present and preceding wars." though reserving all legal rights, His to release nine of the men, who will Government were aware of the orbe handed over to the appropriate ganised attempt by the German Gov-Japanese authorities in due course.

the Japanese, for their part, have men from America. So anxious were instructed their shipping lines to re- the German Government to obtain fuse to carry belligerent nationals the services of these men that they who might enlist for military service. This would prevent a repetition of the Asama Maru incident.—Reuter.

#### WHITE PAPER ON CORRESPONDENCE

London, To-day.

The correspondence between the a White Paper last evening.

from the Asama Maru. In its first communication, handed service.

to the British Ambassador, Sir Robert ... The British Government were maintained that the universally re- America almost simultaneously, belligerent who were actually emtion as a serious and unfriendly act to proceed. against Japan.

BRITISH REPLY

a Note from Sir R. Craigie to Mr. the legality. They do not, as Arita dated January 27, in which they British Government understand the said: "The British Government pro- position, dispute the legitimacy of the foundly regret the interpretation put exercise of the right of visit and on their action by the Imperial Ja- search by a belligerent warship on panese Government and avail them- the high seas. They do not dispute a belligerent to stop and search neu- tend that the persons removed in the

Lord Halifax said that the corres- tral shipping at sea. Exercise of this British Government, imply any slight It had been found on investigation upon the honour or national dignity

The Note recites the facts of the Majesty's Government are prepared case, pointing out that the British ernment to secure the return of Ger-Lord Halifax told the House that man mercantile marine officers and were being despatched by the long expensive route across the Pacific via ment as authority." Japan and Siberia.

SPECIALISTS INVOLVED

It would not be suggested, the Note urges, that as almost the entire German mercantile marine is laid up in port the German Government would have devoted part of their scanty sup-British and Japanese Governments plies of foreign exchange to so exon the removal of German citizens pensive an operation if the object from the Asama Maru was issued as were not to enable the services of the men to be employed for military The correspondence ends with a operations, and later in the Note the British communication in which, as fact is brought out that some of the announced by Lord Halifax and the Germans in question formed part of Prime Minister in Parliament, Britain | the engineroom staffs of tankers and conditions. stated that while reserving all their special knowledge of Diesel enlegal rights they are prepared to re- gines rendered it practically certain lease nine out of the 21 men removed | that they were intended to be employed on their return for submarine

Craigie, on January 22 following the aware of at least four parties or incident, the Japanese Government these men who were due to leave cognised usage was that a belligerent which the first party of about fifty power could demand on the high sailed on the Asama Maru. Of the seas only those subjects of another lifty, thirteen officers and eight technical ratings were removed by a Bribodied in the armed forces. The tish man-of-war, the remainder, they are not in the military service Japanese Government stated they though trained seamen but without of the enemy, and the suggestion that could not but regard the British ac- special qualifications, being allowed they are not within the category of

ONLY LEGAL ISSUE

"It is this action of which the Im-The British Government replied in perial Japanese Government contest been placed in some quarters on the selves of this opportunity to state that that certain categories of enemy nathere is no unfriendly action whatso- | tionals may legitimately be removed ever in the exercise of their right as from a neutral vessel but they con-

## BELGIUM **ARRESTS** SPIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day. Two foreigners of unknown nationality were arrested for spying at Roosendaal, near the Belgian border.

It is understood that they were connected with the espionage case uncovered in Nijmegen last week .-- Havas.

present case do not fall within the This is accategories in question. cordingly the only legal issue between the two Governments to which

To the examination of this issue almost the whole of the rest of the Note is devoted. It is pointed out that in handing the original memorandum to the British Ambassador, the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs stated that Article Forty-seven of the Declaration of London constituted the basis of the Japanese arguments, and the Note declares:

"The Declaration of London, never having come into force, is not binding on any State and cannot be relied on against the British Govern-

NOT THE ORIGIN

In any case Article 47 of this Declaration is not the origin of the right to remove enemy nationals from neutral ships since there existed for centuries such a practice, which became subject to qualifying limitation by treaty provision. Such qualification, dating from the early seventeenth to mid-nineteenth centuries, sought to limit the removal to "military persons and others effectively in the service of the enemy,". but the definition is obviously inapplicable under modern

The right would become illusory if it did not cover individuals who, though not on the peacetime military strength, are under legal liability to take a place in the enemy

ranks. The latter are precisely the persons likely to be travelling on neutral ships Government consider themselves fully in time of war. It cannot be seriously contended that the mere fact that such persons had not actually joined the corps to which they were Note in due course.—British Wireless. to belong carries the conclusion that persons who may be removed from a neutral ship seems to result entirely from the interpretation which has terms of Article Fortyseven of the Declaration of London which, as already argued, is not a binding authority.

GERMAN CLAIM

Note The British contention, the says, is strongly supported by practice in the 1914-18 war.

After showing that it is clear from Article 77 of the German Prize Ordinance that the German Government regard persons who "are making a voyage in order to put themselves in the service of the enemy armed forces," as in precisely the same position as "members of the enemy armed forces," the British Note proceeds: "The Imperial Japanese Government take the contrary view about the Germans now in question, and they are making a claim which the German Government could not make for themselves. The Imperial Japanese Government can hardly expect such a claim to be admitted by the British Government in the existing circumstances. I may add that the practice of the German Government in the present war has gone even beyond the provisions of their Prize Ordinance. Not only have they removed Poles of military age from neutral vessels in the Baltic but they have removed from a Swedish ship and still hold in captivity British flaher men who had been picked up after

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the destruction of their boat by German forces, although the fact that the men concerned were engaged in innocent fishing is sufficient evidence that they were not on their way to join the armed forces.

The Imperial Japanese Government will not expect the British Government to be bound by a supposed rule which is denied and disregarded by the enemy."

#### SUBMARINE WARFARE

Having argued the general legal position and explained that of the particular Germans concerned, the Note declares: "Since the outbreak of war not only British lives and shipping but also neutral lives and shipping have been lost as a result of unrestricted submarine warfare by Germany which was carried out in violation of international law and agreements to which she is a party and with a total disregard of the dictates of humanity.

The British Government are determined to put an end to this method of warfare by means at their disposal and they could not reconcile it with their obligations to their own countrymen, to say nothing of neutral interests, to risk innocent lives and shipping by allowing personnel to reach Germany which can be employed to perpetuate this menace."

JAPANESE REPLY

Mr. Arita replied on February 1 expressing great pleasure at the regret expressed in the preceding British Note at the profound resentment aroused in Japan by the incident, but stating he held fundamentally different opinions from the British Government on the legal arguments.

In contradiction to the British contention he enunciated the view of the Imperial Government that "the removal of enemy nationals from neutral ships engaged on peaceful traffic on the high seas essentially has been regarded as illegal in international law in general."

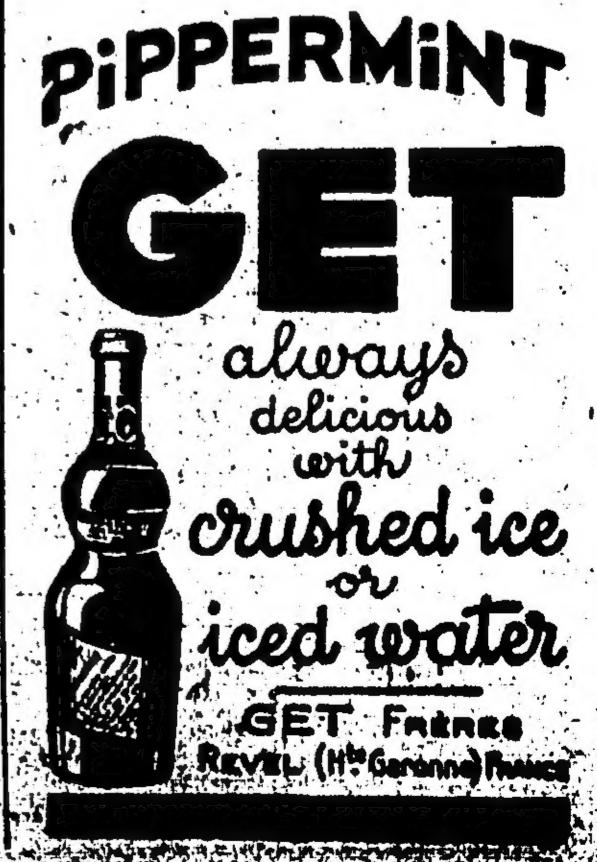
The Japanese Government also contested the British arguments based on the German prize rules. --- BRITISH POSITION -

In Sir R. Craigie's reply of February 5, announcing willingness to release nine of the men seized who, on examination, had been found relatively unsuitable for military service, the Ambassador states the inability of the British Government to accept the validity of the Japanese legal arguments and affirms that the British entitled under international law to remove the 21 men. He further reserves the right of reply to Mr. Arita's

#### INSPECTION TOUR ON GOLD COAST

Accra, To-day. Sir Arnold Weinholt Hodson, Governor of the Gold Coast, has just completed a 9-day tour of inspection of the southern section of Togoland, which is under a British mandate.

He received many loyal demonstrations from chiefs and peoples en route,-Reuter.





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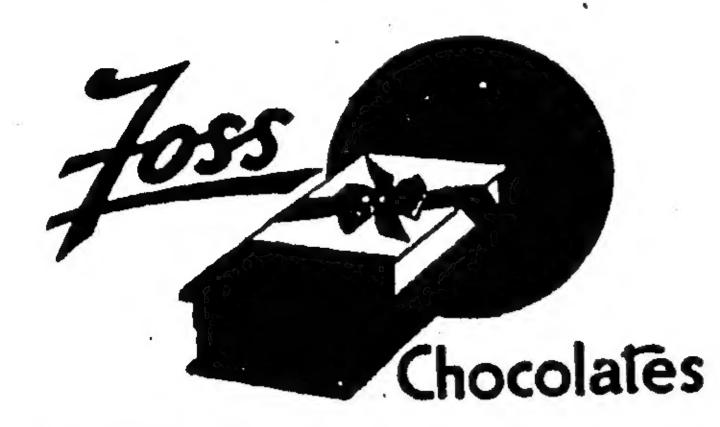
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## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

#### VATICAN AND THE NAZIS

In view of the naked hostility which the Nazis display towards the Church there are some who wonder just how much longer the Vatican will maintain its present neutrality. It sees reared against it all the carefully organized forces of evil which the German leaders have determined to impose upon the world, and the question is often asked as to when the Roman Catholic Church will avail itself of the enormously potent moral weapons which it has in its armoury. That is a matter for the Pope to decide, though he will probably realize that if the democracies ever go down in defeat the very existence of the Church itself is threatened. — "North China Daily News." Shanghai.

#### HITLER AND INDIAN POLITICIANS

sult. - "The Pioneer."

#### IF FINLAND FALLS

ing all that has given more than brute —"Manchester Guardian." value to human life—hating things spiritual and things of the mind, the free play of thought and endeavour, the loyalties and love of the family. All these are the abomination of Bolshevism, to be tortured, persecuted, or mechanised out of existence. If London.

#### PROPAGANDA MISTAKES

tively waged in the west while Ger- the "safety band," the Allies could many was driving forward in the much more easily do so. If the reason-

east. In any case, propaganda by wireless is more effective than by A good leaflet. many Germans still listen to London and Strasbourg. But Allied wireless propaganda. has made some bad mistakes and has done itself harm by giving unchecked and incorrect news in some cases, causing now a certain scepticism among German listeners.

Nazi domestic propaganda has also tions whose policies have long accepting time and again, in accordance with its, technique, incorrect news or dislikes endless repetition, however Boston.

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effective it may be with the masses. After the sinking of the Athenia the German press at once declared that Mr. Churchill had been responsible for it. Again and again the press repeated this adding "confirmation" from the "latest discoveries." But this constant repetition became monotonous and finally began to have the opposite effect from that intended.—"Svenska Dagbladet," Stockholm.

#### LARGE IDEAS

The great French philosopher, M. Maritain, has said that we have been brought by material forces to a state of barbarism and that in resisting its violence men of freedom must not renounce the use of material energies, but neither must they put their considence in them. Lord Halifax gave much the same answer. He argues that though you may not be able to exercise an evil spirit by physical force it is only by physical force that you can restrain its ravages. When that restraint has been made effective There is, we believe, a general de- something more is needed. Hitler sire in this country that India should wants a Europe in which an evil spirit throw her weight into the present war shall have full play. If he succeeds, on the side of the democracles. In the the next chapter of our history will first place there is scarcely a thinking be a history of violence, underground Indian who does not realize that when Europe was exhausted, open whatever her faults, Britain is fight- when she recovered. The world settling one of the most evil political ed down under the tolerant Augustus, systems the world has ever seen. In but it will not settle down under a the second place, none can deny that system that substitutes the insolent India's own fate depends upon the re- superstitions of race for the light of Christian civilisation. Of the kind of Europe we wish to build Lord Halifax had something to say. As a man in close contact with the hard and searching problems of international politics he spoke with caution of the large ideas that are in the air, but he If Finland falls, which need not be, evidently hopes that our co-operation much else will be lost besides her with France may be the beginning of freedom. She is holding the outer wider economic relationships in ward of the fortress of civilisation Europe. The conviction that some against a storming siege of barbarism. bold plan for this purpose is essential The forces which have surged to des- is gaining ground steadily here, and troy her are the ambition of tyrants the experience of the war will spread and the fanaticism of a savagery hat- that conviction among our neighbours.

### BONDS OF INSULATION

The most recent test of the sym-Finland came under the harrow of pathy of Britain and France toward the Soviet, which of her neighbours current American efforts to insulate could feel secure? It is clear that the the New World against the troubles of Scandinavian countries are waking to the Old has arisen out of the Panama the danger. - "Daily Telegraph". Conference's announcement of a "safety band" around the American continents. For the Allies the main question about this zone seems to be whether the Americas can enforce their ruling in it.

The character of the naval warfare between the Allies and Germany is A leastet war could not be effec- such that if Germany would honour

HITLER AS

"LIBERATOR"

"I have noticed an attempt on

the part of the German propa-

ganda department to propagate

the idea that Indians should look

to Nazi Germany for their free-

dom. The conception of Hitler

the liberator is so grotesque as to

bring a smile to the face of any

one except possibly a German,

and if Hitler and his associates

Imagine they may look for aid

from india they are heading for

one of the greatest disillusion-

ments of their lives."-Lord Zet-

able rules that apply to neutral harbours could be enforce in the "safety band" then it is doubtful indeed that Allied violations would occur.

Therefore even in an essay which extends beyond any previous concept of international law, and in which other interested parties have not acquiesced, the Americas can -expect readlest cooperation from na-

made many mistakes through repeat- ed-the Monroe Doctrine as a fixture in international relations. Three major reports with considerable gaps in them. experiments, in American insulation German home propaganda under- have crossed wires with the policies estimates the German people's intelli- of European democracies. And to date gence. Often the people have a good no serious short circuits have ocmemory. The intelligent German curred. Christian Science Monitor,"

## NORTHERN HELL IN ICE

The Red Army In Its Arctic Shroud

## UNKNOWN LEGION OF THE FALLEN

(By Our Special Correspondent in Finland, Leland Stowe) Tolvajaeri Battlefield, To-day.

IN THIS SAD SOLITUDE lie the dead—uncounted thousands of Russian dead. They lie as they fell—twisted, gesticulating and tortured. But they lie beneath the kindly mask of two inches of new-fallen snow. Now they are one with the cold white shapes of illimitable pine and spruce trees. An unknown legion of the fallen, they have been sacrificed by winter's hand and covered over with winter's spotless sheet. They will not go back to earth now for many months.

But even this profuse virginal coverlet of near-arctic wilderness cannot quite conceal the anguish of their last movement or the catastrophic suddenness of their end. Here all the pain and all the cruelty of their betrayal has been preserved by the frost king of the far north. It is as if Madame Tussaud of the famous London waxworks museum had decided to preserve one of the war's final horrors—as if she had created this scene of false peace and inexpressable tragedy and, with appropriate simplicity, had called it "Field Battle."

above the snows of Tolvajarvi. But carried gas masks; they had belonged to-day it is infinitely deeper than in | to a picked shock troop division of the other years, it is heavy with the ultim- Red army. Now they were strewn ate loneliness of death, and thousands on both sides of the road for of the dead may lie as lonely as a more than a mile along the single one. Endless, profound and peninsula and then further on and yet voiceless peace where the wounds of further—among the spruce and beside war are frozen and will bleed no the road that leads to Aglajarvi. more. In this place we have heard | All about us lay featureless human of a great and magnificent victory. shapes, their masks of snow making In this place the silence speaks of the more annoymous than death itnever more restore or ressurect.

When we rode out upon the narrow looked finger of the Lake Tolva peninsula have we were not prepared for this. It is faces? a thin and twisting road with pines away. An unshaven face with an and spruces standing high on either alabaster forehead emerged and then side and the frozen bosom of the lake a stubble of close-cut black hair. just beyond. All along this central artery of the battlefield, all along the road that leads to Lake Agla twenty miles away, we saw the shattered tanks and the broken supply of lorries and the heaped debris of the Red army's annihilated divisions.

STRANGE SHAPES

All along the roadway we saw strange shapes bulging beneath the snow. Among the trees these shapes lay with both hands might sometimes have been logs, desperately Sometimes, they looked like crooked This had been the young Russian's limbs cast into disorder by the woodsman's axe. Sometimes, heavy felt boots, bared of snow by the stumbling haps 35 degress—had mumified him in contact of some passing Finnish soldier, the precise attitude wherein he had protruded suddenly and revealed the died. We could not look for long. naked truth. Sometimes too, we saw soldiers dragging frozen shapes like pieces of cordwood from the forestand here and there bodies lay in crude, contorted piles waiting for their final, nameless, common grave.

But for the most part of last December the snowfall had cloaked these forms in the immaculate anonymity of the far northern winter. Nature . had done her charitable best. That is, it still did not quite seem possible that these had been human beings only a few, days ago, or that the mask of Taivajarvi's snow concealed more and more hundreds of dead.

Then our white-painted army bus stopped at a point on the crest of the ridge. We climbed out and followed our guide into the forest on the left. "There are many of them here," he said. "they were all wiped out by our machine-gun fire." It was true that there were very many of them there. MORE ANONYMOUS THAN DEATH

Suddenly we found ourselves among whole groups of white covered figures. Some lay straight on the ground, but mostly the arms were drawn convulsively upward or projected stiffly above the shoulder. Mostly their legs, were bent or doubled. Sometimes one body, curiously oversized with its two inch coating of snow, lay grotesquelya cross against the surrounding white. | 7th) very badly, "wrote the soldier's

Every January, deep solitude hovers | These were the Russian dead. All

which may destroy but self. Beside one of these I paused. Why did one wonder what these men might what like and their written on been Slowly I brushed the snow

MUMMIFIED

This face was peaceful, as if its owner had fallen asleep here in the blizzard. It was the face of a man of thirty-still and frozen and lifeless. But there were other faces on which was written such suffering as can scarcely bear contemplation. One of these belonged to a young soldier who had been shot in the right knee. He clutched wound. against his terrible the action and frost of 25 degress below zero-per-Never has any battlefield been more deeply saturated with the imploring silence of the dead. It was all about us, that, and the frozen figures, and those motionless, speechless faces.

Steel helmets with a slender red star painted on them lay where they had fallen. From some pockets protruded letters or newspaper clippings or membership cards of the Bolshevik Komsomol organization. There were spaces for dues to be paid up to the year 1946. Oddly enough, beside one soldier we found a photograph of a young man lying in his coffin. It would be impossible even to dig a grave for his brother here until

Someone also picked up a packet of letters written by a soldier's wife back in Leningrad. Although they were written by an almost illiterate woman, he was able later to translate them. They told how she had written letter after letter, but still had received no answer since he was taken by the Red army in October. How she had sent five rubles this time and twenty rubles another. How she had sent a picture of their little boy, Ljonja. How bills could not be paid and how they waited for him to come home.

PATHETIC LETTER "I spent the holiday (November



Groucho Marx, Fritz Feld and Chico Marx in "Marx Brothers at the Circus," which opens at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-day.

wife, "I cried all the time. Ljonja keeps asking when daddy is coming home. He asked Uncle Peter: 'Haven't you seen my Papa?' Uncle Peter said he hadn't seen you, but you were coming home soon. Ljonja: tell mother that Daddy is coming home and if he comes at night she must wake me up as soon as he comes."

I hope that I did not see this Russian soldier's face. We left him there with countless hundreds of other proletarians of the Soviet Union in Tolvajarvi's snowbound forest of dead. There must have been many Finnish dead also, though we did not see them -perhaps because they have been the first to be carried away. On almost all these rigid frozen bodies there must have been similar letters. But they will never read again. In this vast solitude, all will return to earth when when another inevitable spring burgeons the pine and spruce forests of eastern Finland.

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## GERMAN EXECUTIONS IN MEMEL

According to the Lithuanian press, four Germans have been executed in Memeliand for crimes, which included housebreaking during the black-out and incendiarism.

Two other Germans, one a woman, are reported to have been executed in East Prussia for "exploiting the creduity of the inhabitants by complaining of their distress" arising out of the

The death penalty in Germany can now be applied to all burglars at the discretion of the courts.

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## SUNK

Helsinki, To-day. A Finnish ice-breaker, the Vigo, was sunk yesterday by Soviet bombing planes when escorting a convoy of supply ships from Sweden to Finland.

Several bombs struck the ship, but the crew escaped over the ice to a nearby island.

The captain stated that the convoy was also attacked, but only the Vigo was hit. The rest of the ships escaped in the gathering gloom, after the Russians had emptied their bombracks.-Reuter.

## SHORTAGE

LONDON, TO-DAY. WHILE BRITAIN IS RETURNING TO NORMAL IN THE MATTER OF COAL SUPPLIES. THERE IS NOW A GREAT SHORTAGE IN NORWAY DENMARK, WHICH HAVE ALSO BEEN AFFECTED BY THE SLOWING DOWN OF TRANSPORT OWING TO THE WEATHER.

Large announcements in the Copenhagen press say that there are now only 4 days' supply of coal and coke. Many houses are without fuel and people are asked to take hot baths only once a week.

The Danish Government has taken over one-fifth of the existing stocks. Regulations in Oslo now allow central heating once in three weeks and the temperature must not exceed 64.5 deg. Fah.-Reuter.

## GROWING AT A RAPID PACE

London, To-day. In connection with the announcement that 25,000 tons of British shipping was lost by German air attacks and other enemy action last week, it is officially disclosed that the British mercantile marine has been steadily increasing at the rate of 200,000 tons a week by new construction, purchase of foreign shipping and the capture of enemy vessels. - Reuter.

#### MINESWEEPER WASHED AGROUND

London, To-day. The minesweeper Sphinx, which was lost when the towrope parted as she was being brought into port, was washed ashore yesterday and now lies upside down on the beach.

Four bodies are visible inside but so far have not been recovered .- Reu-

#### MEDIATION REPORTS REPUDIATED

Amsterdam, To-day. Renewed reports that Hitler contemplates mediating in the Russo-Finnish dispute are denied in Berlin, where Nazi officials told neutral cor- edition of the French Yellow Book respondents: "There is no question of have been sold in two days. — Reusuch a thing."—Reuter.

## PREMIERS

Lord Shuttleworth, a friend of Gladstone and an M.P. under twelve Prime Ministers, has died at his home, Barbon Manor, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland, two days after his ninety-fifth birth-

Up to the end he retained his remarkable memory, and there was no detail of his life or the people whom he met that he had forgotten.

The twelve Prime Ministers under whom he sat included Disraell, Gladstone, Lord Sallsbury and Lord Rosebery.

## INCREASED WAGES

London, To-day. Altogether 1,250,000 workers in the engineering and shipbuilding industries will receive an increase of 5/a week as the result of the agreement between representatives of employers and the Unions.

The Unions had asked a 10/- increase and the present agreement is subject to modification by individual Unions.—Reuter.

#### PAN-AMERICAN LINE TO NEW ZEALAND

San Francisco, To-day. Pan-American Airways, using 72passenger planes of the Yankee Clipper type used on the Transatlantic service, will open a regular service between San Francisco and New Zealand shortly, by way of Honolulu, Canton Island, New Caledonia and Auckland, N. Z.—Reuter.

### INDUSTRIALS IN STRONG DEMAND

LONDON, TO-DAY. INDUSTRIALS WERE HEAVY STRONG AND ACTIVE ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE YESTERDAY ON THE REPORTS OF A NEW ARMAMENTS DRIVE.

Gilt-edged securities eased and home rails declined after an early ad-

Late demand for Kaffirs caused improvements in price.

Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

### CHIANG MISSION U.S.A.

Genoa, To-day. Mr. Li Yu-ying, President of the Chinese National Academy, sailed from Genoa for America yesterday. Political circles believe he is charged with a propaganda mission on behalf of General Chiang Kal-shek.— Reuter.

### NEW BEST-SELLER

Liondon, To-day. Ten thousand copies of the English

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## RATIONING OF PAPER

London, To-day. Mr. Edward Burgin, Minister of Supply, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that a scheme for rationing paper was under consideration and an Order would be issued within a few days under the Defence Regulations prohibiting mills, excapt under licence, from supplying more than the proportion of paper hitherto supplied to their customers.---Reuter.

## INDIAN COINAGE ACT

New Delhi, To-day, The New Delhi Central Assembly opened yesterday, with the Congress the Germans has been the theme of Party, in accordance with its boycott,

The first bill the Assembly will tinued yesterday. absent. - handle is designed to amend the Indian Coinage Act. Another bill is a 50 per cent. Excess Profits Tax Bill.—

INCREASED ALLOY

New Delhi, To-day. A bill aimed at amendment of the ships.—Reuter. Indian Coinage Act was introduced at the budget session of the Central Assembly yesterday by Sir Jeremy Raisman, the Finance Member.

The measure proposes to reduce the fineness of the present four anna coin from 11/12ths silver and 1/12th alloy to half silver and half alloy.

It is explained that higher commodity prices have caused an increased demand for this coin.-Reuter.

#### INVESTITUTE AT THE PALACE

London, To-day. His Majesty the King held his first days. investitute of the war at Buckingham

Palace yesterday. fighting services and a number of being the fact that it is a picture trawler skippers were among those which will reveal to the public the to receive decorations. - Reuter.

## ARMY COMFORTS FUND

London, To-day. As a result of broadcasts and press appeals last -- week, - 50,000 \_. parcels | have now been received by the Army Comforts Fund. The parcels will be distributed at Home and overseas. -Reuter.

## CHAPEL CHAIRS STOLEN

Seven wooden chairs were stolen from the chapel in the Shamshulpo Military Camp between 6 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. yesterday, according to a report made to the police by Lance-Corporal G. Barrett, of the Middlesex Regiment.

The thief entered the chapel through an open window.



Life to you may seem like a bed of roses but move around a bit and you soon find the bed has low thorns in it

## NAZIS MAKE NO BONES ABOUT 'HATE'

LONDON, TO-DAY. INHUMAN GERMANY'S PAIGN AGAINST SHIPPING WAS OF COMMENT, THE SUBJECT AMOUNTING AT TIMES ALMOST TO BOASTING, OVER THE NAZI WIRELESS STATIONS YESTERDAY MORNING.

The attacks on light-ships were defended and neutrals were told they would have to learn that it would not pay to go on sailing in British waters.

Nothing was said in the broadcast about the torpedoing of a Greek Steamer on January 28; the ship was bound from Greece, a neutral country, to the United States, another neutral.—Reuter.

NORWEGIAN COMMENT

Oslo, To-day. The sinking of Norwegian ships by comment in the Norwegian Press for some days now, and this was con-

One newspaper says that Norway should take a strong line with Germany and remarks in connection with trade negotiations that Norway should take this opportunity to secure a guarantee against attacks on Norwegian

## "CAPTURED"

"Say it with pletures" is to be Manager Vic Hugo's way of saying "Kung Hay Fat Choy" this Chinese New Year.

Following in the wake of "Code of the Secret Service," the first run picture that was shown at popular prices at the Oriental Theatre recent-"Captured," another Warner's production will hold the screen at this popular theatre during the holi-

"Captured" should have a special appeal to the cinema public in more Officers and N.C.O.s of the three ways than one, the most important horrors that form the background of prison camps in Germany.

Leslie Howard, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., and Margaret Lindsay take the important parts in the film.

## FOR MINERS

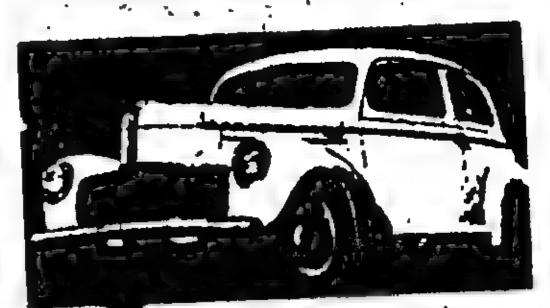
London, To-day. Smooth working of the coal mines of Britain is ensured by a new wages agreement.

The mine workers voted by a large majority to accept the wage increases offered by the mine owners and which are based on variations in the cost of living. — Reuter.

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On Friday, the 9th February, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the other Branch Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary, correspondence at 11 a.m. The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

## INWARD MAILS

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Entries Close At Noon, 23rd February. Friday,

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## LEWIS BOWLS WELL AT H.K.C.C.

The friendly cricket game between Police and Club juniors on Saturday last was played in anything but a congenial atmosphere -it was bitterly cold and the Club skipper had an eye to later conditions in the field when he elected to field first. Club missed their fast bowlers and the similarity of the attack all through was greatly to the benefit of Police.

The second wicket stand by A. E. Carey (49) and W. L. Clarke (50) dominated the Police innings and although neither was a particularly polished effort Club simply couldn't get them out! The later batsmen did not carry on the good work and once H. Danbrowsky went the innings was soon over. Club bowling was weak and inclined to be short of a length all through, while the fielding left much to be desired-some players apparently found their hands too numb to stop the ball.

Police attack had Club tied up right from the start and only 20 runs were scored in the first 45 minutes, J. Lewis, who was bowling beautifully, had C. W. E. B.shop all at sea on several occasions before uprooting his leg stump.

R. D. Gillespie stayed a long time without scoring but once C. Pope began to lose his length he 'carted' him all over the field for a bright 34. Pope had his revenge, however, when he took a good return from ceived by King Boris of Bula very poor ball. The next few batsmen made little difference to the total and garia. though R. S. W. Paterson stole a few short runs-one from a ball played only three feet to leg-the end soon came and Police got back to the comforts of the pavilion before

## INTERPORT MATCHES

The Soccer Interport game will be played in Shanghal to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 p.m. at the Canidrome.

The Hong Kong team will be selected on the day of the match.

The Rugby Interport game will probably be played to-morrow, but the venue is still undecided owing to badground conditions.

#### TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Club "A" are fielding the following side for their Rugby match against 8th Heavy Regiment, R.A., on the Club ground to-day at 5 p.m.: Thompson; Lavalle, A. N. Other, Gratton and A. N. Other; Smith and Morgan; McCrea, Dunnett, Heasman, King, Leigh, Wright-Nooth, Beattle and Stoker.

### Cottage Club Paper-Hunt

The Cottage Club Paper-hunt to be held on Saturday next will start from the vicinity of Potts' Bungalow at 3.30 p.m.

Riders are requested to gather at the Club House at 3 p.m. and motor-car transportation will be provided to the meet.

Club ponies will be sent to the start, while riders of privately-owned ponies are requested to make their own arrangements in this connection.

Following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club against Free Foresters in a twoday cricket match on the Club ground tomorrow (12 noon) and Friday (11 a.m.): T. A. Pearce, G. Altkenhead, D. Carey, B. Fay, Lieut.-Comdr. Garrat, N. D. Lloyd, A. K. Mackenzie, F. Marshall, Brig. Mc-Leod, J. L. C. Pearce and J. E. Richard-

the cold became really vile. Lewis bowled well for his 2 for 15 in 8 overs, Pope was hardly at his best, Forrest (4 for 18) found his "tempters" claimed easy victims, and the fielding was neither good nor bad.

## SARAJOGLU WELCOMED IN SOFIA

Sofia, To-day. M. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, spent some hours yesterday in Sofia as the guest of the Bulgarian Prime Minister. He is on his way back from the Balkan Entente conference and during the morning he was re-

These renewed discussions have aroused great interest and the Bulgarian Press gives much space to the friendly relations existing between

the two countries. A fresh sign of the harmonious relations between Bulgaria and the other Balkan countries is seen in the report that the Yugoslav Minister of Commerce is to visit Bulgaria to try and stimulate trade.

This, it is felt, can be taken as the first step towards the carrying out of the provisions of the Entente conference in favour of every effort being made to promote Balkan trade.

In an interview with a Greek newspaper, the Rumanian Foreign Minister said that the Balkan Entente is now concerned not just with Balkan questions, but with European questions. - Reuter.

#### Consolidating Peace In The Balkans

Sofia, To-day. M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was given a cordial sendoff when he left Sofia after an eighthour visit.

'The importance of his meetings with M. Kioesseivanoff, the Bulgarian Premier, is emphasised as a factor consolidating peace in the Balkans.

The press warmly extols M. Sarajoglu's visit, "Slovo," the official organ, writing: "One proctical result of the Belgrade conference is the closer friendship between Turkey and Bulgaria which creates the possibility of real Balkan collaboration for the preservation of peace." - Reuter.

## WALTHAM ABBEY GALLANTRY

Longon, To-day. Three workers in the Waltham Abbey Gunpowder Factory have been awarded the O.B.E. (Civil Division), for gallantry in the recent explosion in the factory.

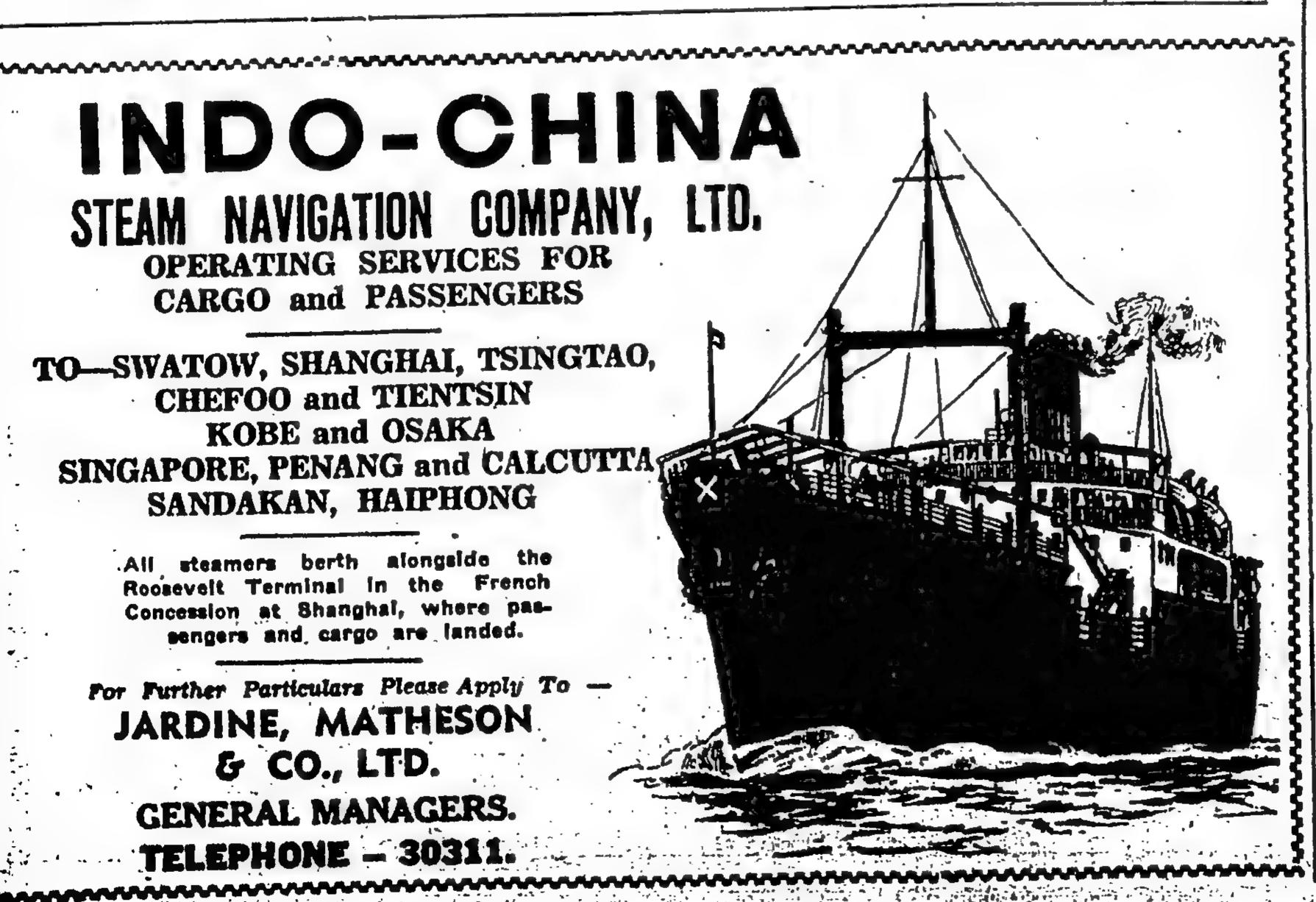
They are Leo O'Hagen, Stanley Sewell and William Sylvester.

It is stated that although they might have sought safety, they remained at their posts within a short distance of the centre of the explosion and continued determinedly at work which exposed them to acute danger for some hours.—Reuter.

#### WRITER DIES AT 105 (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day. Reports from Russia announced the death of the famous woman writer Catherine Novikova Sarina, aged 105. She was known for her tales on Russian life,--Havas.

Mrs. Panet, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel H. de L. Panet, residing at No. 16, Felix Villas, had her handbag stolen from the counter of a shop at No. 49, Wing Lok Street, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.



## HATTON DIAMOND ROBBERY

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On June 20, 1913, Mr. Mayer received a wire from his Paris representative, Henri Salomen, saying he had a prospective customer. It was sent there at once, but agent and customer could not agree on terms, and it had to be returned. The matter of sending it back by messenger was debated and finally abandoned. The owner was fearful of robbery. It was

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finally decided to return it by regiser case with two large drop pearls and a round pearl. The case was placed in a wooden box. This was wrapped in blue paper and scaled with Mr. Mayer's initials, "M. M."

The strictest attention was paid to all details, but when the box finally reached Mr. Mayer's office and he opened it, the pearls were not there. In place of them the dazed dealer found eight cubes of French sugar, tions and good wishes was sent by wrapped in cotton and inclosed in part His Excellency the Covernor, Sir of a newspaper; the Echo de Paris of Geoffry Northcote, to the Hong Kong July 2.

In half an hour Chief Inspector day. Ward of Scotland Yard was listening to the tale of the distracted merchant. In the investigation that followed every yard of land and sea over which the necklace travelled from Paris to London was covered. The letter carrier who had taken it from the postoffice to Mr. Mayer's office was able to tell all of the steps he had taken. He had delivered other packages in Hatton Garden. One of these was to a Mr. Silverman, a jeweller in a small way. The dealer was cross-examined but to no effect.

The underwriters offered a reward of \$50,000 for the recovery of the pearls. A full description of the missing pearls was sent to every part of the world.

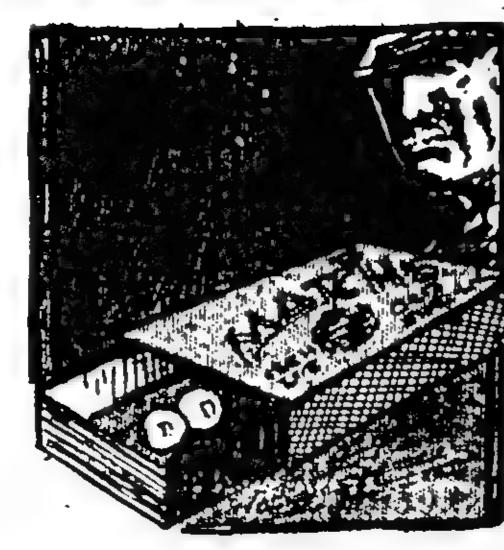
Early in August, Chief Inspector Ward got an intimation that the Hatton Garden gems had gone to Antwerp. Instead of sending detectives, two brokers, Quadratstein and Brandstatter, went there with promises of a reward. They finally discovered that a man named Leiser Gutwirth knew something about the missing pearls. He told them he was willing to sell them the necklace for a million francs if he were given 100,000 francs

as his commission.

He even agreed to meet them in a Lyons tea room in Holborn. He did so and showed them the two big drop pearls and the round pearl as an evidence of good faith. He was presented to a Mr. Spanier, who was said to be interested in the deal. Mr. Spanier, it might be stated, was one of the most reliable operatives of Scotland Yard. A second meeting was planned at which Gutwirth promised to produce the pearls and Mr. Spanier the money to buy them — of all places—in the British Museum tube station.

When Gutwirth and two of his pals appeared there they were arrested. They were searched and even stripped, but no pearls were found. In the meantime, it was discovered that when the man had stopped at the office of Samuel Silverman a fake box had been cleverly substituted for the one with the pearls—and this absolutely without the knowledge of the carrier.

## GARDEN



The denouement was prosaic yet sensational. Two weeks after the tube meeting a young piano worker found a big match box in the gutter-and it contained the missing pearls. The crooks had been shrewd enough to leave the pearls with the wife of James Lockett, one of their number. When she heard of their arrest she had thrown the precious gems into the gutter, knowing that if found in her possession she would go to jail.

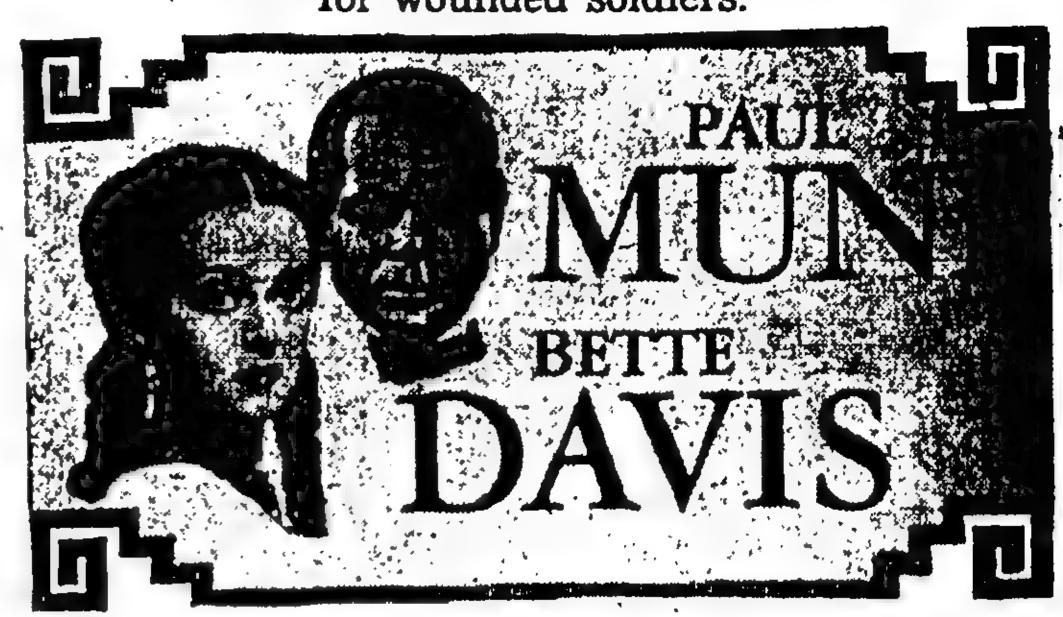
The evidence was complete and at the trial the four jewel thieves-Joseph Grizard, Samuel Silverman, tered post. It was inclosed in a leath- Leiser Gutwirth and James Lockett -were convicted and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. Probably the young piano worker was suitably rewarded, but there is no mention of this in the official story of the famous crime.

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12.15 p.m. - Short Service of Inter-

1.03 p.m.-A Mozart Song. Scold Me, Scold Me, Oh Dear Masetto ("Don Giovanni")....Eliza-Orchestra.

1.06 p.m.-Mozart-Symphony In D Major (The "Prague"). Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Erich Kleiber.

1.30 p.m.-Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

beth Schumann (Soprano) with 1.45 p.m .- Musical Comedy Selections. Musical Comedy Marches, Intro: Riff

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TO NO AVAIL

With both sides vulnerable and on the contract by refusing to cover the bravely up to three hearts. After all, my's spade suit for discards." he did have 150 honours as some compensation in the event that his opponents were nasty enough to double. But West got away with his overbidding, and South eventually won the contract at four diamonds.

North, Dealer Both sides vulnerable Both sides 40 on score

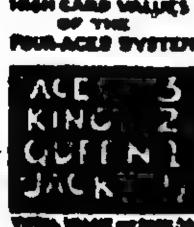
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KQJ1094

The bidding: East Pass

North South West 20 30 Pass 30 Dbl. 40 Page Pass Pans

West opened the King of hearts



West obediently shiftto a club, which was won by dummy's Ace. On the spade Ace Declarer discarded a club, then followed with the Queen and when East refused to cover, the remain-

ingcclubiwas discard South was then able to ruff his last heart with dummy sin Ace, then draw trumps and make his contract.

West was properly indignant over East's defensive misplay, and said, thokymy life in my hands in the bidding, whereupon you gave away Inc.)

score, West thought that it behooved | Queen of spades." Trying to justify him to push his opponents to a con- himself, East replied, "I was afraid tract where he would have a chance that Declarer held seven trumps so of defeating them. Thus, although he that if I covered, he could draw two held only five sure tricks, West bid | rounds of trumps and then use dum-

"Your analysis is fallacious," West retorted. "If Declarer held seven trumps, the contract could not be defeated for the Ace of club would be his eighth trick and the two spade tricks would make a total of ten. Therefore, you should have covered the spade on the assumption that I held three trumps."

Yesterday David Bruce Burnstone was your partner. You were the dealer and held:

•	À	X	I		
Q	K	<b>X</b>	X		
0	A	K	I	x	X
*	X	X			

The bidding:

Maler Jacoby Burnstone 10 Pass 34 Pass Pasa 30 3NT Pass (1)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is four notrump. This bid definitely invites a Slam, and at the same time shows that although you have a five-card diamond suit, your hand is otherwise balanced.

Score 100% for four notrump, 0 for and continued, his partner meanwhile pass. Incidentally, if you are using an signalling in clubs. After cashing artificial four-notrump convention, tricks, you have no satisfactory bid in this situation.

QUESTION NO. 328 You are Oswald Jacoby's and hold:

The bidding: Schonken Ton. Pass Pass

What do you bid? . (Answer-Tuesday) (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Song (Desert Song); The Mounties (Rose-Marie); Song of the Drum (from same); The Three Musketeers (from same); Tokay (Bitter Sweet); The Robbers' March (Chu Chin Chow); Love's 7.30 p.m.-London Relay-The New-Sentry (Madame Pompadour); 8.00 p.m.-Local Time Signal, Weath Goodbye (The White Horse Inn) ....Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

"Home and Beauty"-Selection .... Adelphi Theatre Orchestra cond. by Francis Collinson.

"Lady Luck"—Vocal Gems (Hedley, Strachey & Rodgers) .... Light 8.40 p.m.—New Dance Music. Opera Company with Orchestra. "The Gold Diggers of Broadway" (Burke)....Regal Cinema Orches-

tra with Quentin Maclean (Organ).

2.16 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music. Fox-Trots—Smoke From A Chimney; Moonlight on the Highway.... Roy Smeck & His Hawaiian Serenaders.

Slow Fox-Trot-Melody In Brown; Fox-Trot-Mama, I Wanna Make Rhythm (film 'Manhattan Music Box)....Ray Ventura & His Collegians.

Waltz-The Moon of Manakoora (film 'The Hurricane'); Tango-Cuore Vagabondo .... Mario De Pietre & His Estudiantina.

Fox-Trots—Once In A While: Little Drummer Boy .... Jay Wilbur & His Band.

Slow Fox-Trot-I Still Love To Kiss You -- Goodnight -- (film -- "52nd Street"); Waltz - Dance The Moonlight Waltz with Me....Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch. Tangos-Hear My Song, Violetta; Jealousy....Robert Renard Dance

Orchestra. Fox-Trots - Reckless Night On Board an Ocean Liner; The Popcorn Man....Ray Ventura & His Collegians.

Waltz—'Tis Better to Have Loved and Lost: Fox-Trot-I'll Never Let You Cry (film 'In Old Chicago!) .... Billy Thorburn & His Music.

Tangos-Pura Milonga; Mal De Ausencia....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trot-Where The . World Ends ....Eugen Wolff & His Orchestra. 7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

7.02 p.m.-Light Variety. Orch.—"The Little Dog Laughed"-Selection .... The London Palladium Orchestra; Comedians --

tions.

Schubert's "Tragic" Symphony

Murdoch) .... Arthur Askey as Richard Murdoch; Orch.—"Black Velvet" Medley....Jack Hylton His Orchestra; Military Band Country Life Suite (Alford)... The Band of H.M. Royal Marine Plymouth Division.

Orch.—"All Clear" Medley....Ja Hylton & His Orchestra.

8.03 p.m.—Studio — All-In "Bee" — Services v. Civilians. 8.30 p.m. — Two Plano Recital Rawicz and Landauer.

Report and Announcements.

Nola (Arndt); "The Street Singer" Film Selection. Slow Fox-Trot—Blue Orchids; For Trot-Day In-Day Out . . . . Jac

Hylton & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—The Washing on the Siegfried Line; I'm Sending yd the Siegfried Line....Ambrose

His Orchestra. Waltz-There's Danger In The Wal (from 'The little dog 'laughed' Quickstep-My Man .... Gerald & His Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot-One, Life.... Vict Silvester & His Ballroom Orch. Fox-Trot—The Song of the Metre nome (film 'Second Fiddle') ...

Eddy Duchin & His Orchestra. 9.05 p.m. - Eric Coates - "Londo Again" Suite. The London Palls dium Orchestra conducted by Rick ard Crean.

9.15 p.m.-London Relay-The News 9.30 p.m.—Schubert—Symphony No. In C Minor ("Tragic"). Philhai monic-Symphony-Orchestra of Ne York conducted by John Barbirol 10.05 p;m.—A Request Classical Pr gramme.

Romeo and Juliet—Overture (Tcha kowsky) .... Willem Mengelber & His Concertgebouw Orchestra Oh, Star of Eve ("Tannhauser" Wagner); Even Bravest Hea ("Faust"—Gounod) .... Lawren Tibbett (Baritone) with Orch. Screnade (Pierne)....Renee Chem

(Violin) with Piano accomp. Kamennoi-Ostrow, Op. 10, No. (Rubinstein) .... New Light Syn phony Orchestra and Organ.

Il Bacio (Arditi)....Deanna Durb (Vocal) with Orchestra. Blue Danube Waltz (Johann Straus ....Philadelphia Symphony Orche

tra cond. by Leopold Stokowski Tell Me To-night (from the film). Richard Crooks' (Tenor) wi Orchestra.

Sylvan Scenes Suite (Percy Fle cher) .... London Palladium O chestra cond. by Clifford Green wood. Blacking Out the Flat (Askey & '11.00 p.m.-CLOSE DOWN.



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#### NOTES CRICKET

## LAY JUST MISSES CENTURY FOR K.C.C.

(By "ADREM")

I'm afraid the standard of cricket never reached a very high level at Cox's Road, where Kawloon Cricket Club made further progress in their bld for the championship by beating a very poor University team with the greatest of ease.

Both teams were seriously depleted owing to Volunteer Camp but whereas the second team of Kowloon Cricket Club were without a fixture and were thus in a position to provide a number of useful men, the University junior side was engaged in a League match and consequently replacements were difficult to secure.

Under the circumstances it was extremely sporting of University to turn

out a team at all. There were all sorts of delays in the first hour during which I don't suppose there was more than 15 minutes play.

The non-arrival of the University gear caused the first delay and eventually the K.C.C. team was forced to take the field in ordinary shoes. Setting of the field was an inordinately lengthy process and the game was just getting under way when the errant University boy arrived with the missing gear, which caused another adjournment while six members of the fielding team rushed in to change into their boots, including the wicket-keeper.

MULCAHY RETIRES

Out again and on. More setting of fields and then Mulcahy was struck on the jaw by E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.) 3 1 107 67\* 53.50 a ball from Mahmood which got up sharply and had to leave the field for attention. After further delay Fincher went to the wicket and cricket settled down for keeps!

had been going along steadily, taking no chances but scoring off the loose ones. Now | F. R. Zimmern (C.C.C.) 2 0 44 44 he started to open up. He had more of the Sgt. Denyer (Army) .. 2 0 41 41 bowling than Fincher and made good use of it. I omitted to mention that he was dropped behind the wicket off Lo before he had scored and he gave chances regularly after that, one being before the score was

valuable. He hit a long-hop from Mahmood E. A. Lee (C.C.C.) ... 2 0 30 18 15.00 out of the ground on to Gun Club Hill and Lt. Skipwith (Army) .. 2 0 30 23 15.00 | the addition of only two runs. kept up the good work.

BOWLERS TIRING Lo and Mahmood were obviously tiring but were given no respite. Result was a

series of short balls which nearly always went for fours. Lay was playing some rank bad shots among some really good ones, but nothing that went to hand was held and no fewer than 100 runs were added in the space of only 22 minutes. Lay's fierce innings came to a close

when Fenton took a nice catch off a real skier in the country off Tam's bowling. He had batted, less interruptions, for about 60 minutes and looked a safe bet for a century in his first senior League match. For all that he and Fincher added 109 for the second wicket.

Fincher went along more sedately and his Malor sweet (Army) 2 2 40 270 innings was chanceless. His most profitable scoring shot, apart from the hook, which the bowlers catered for persistently, was an off-drive which went through the covers like a bullet.

Fincher played some better shots on · Saturday than he has done since his return from leave.

In the later stages, Burnett, who was making his first appearance for K.C.C. this season, hit recklessly for 17 not out, and .Mulcahy declared just before 4 o'clock with 178 on the board. KEEN FIELDER

Mahmood and Lo both bowled well in patches, while K. Y. Tam gave a keen display of fielding at cover-point.

The University innings was little more than a procession. Curtis bowled fastishmedium from the Bowling Green Club end, and Lloyd revealed all his cunning at the pavilion end on a wicket just to his liking.

K. Y. Tam, a left-hander who opened with .C. N. Matthews, looked fairly promising, watching the ball right on to his bat, but he played too soon at Lloyd's slower ball, which got up, and was easily taken by Mulcahy at silly mid-off. Matthews looked very confident and his defensive strokes were very nicely made. Lloyd, however, caught and bowled him just as he was beginning to show signs of becoming dan-

gerous. Apart from a promising innings by Kenneth Lo, a well-made youth with a good eye, there was little of interest in the remainder of the innings; although Chim Theam-tslew livened up the last 10 minutes with some daring "cow-shots" which prevented Lloyd's -final figures from being even more impres-

3 WICKETS FOR 2 RUNS Lloyd took his first three wickets in three overs for only two runs and his last three

in 4.6 overs for 17. Curtis was exceedingly steady after he had warmed up and I would like to -see him in action against stronger opposition. He looks to be promising material for the first team in the near

Champions' Finest Batting Display

## Anderson Leading All-Rounder

N. Beltrao, Recreio stumper, is heading the batting averages of First Division of the Cricket League by virtue of two undefeated innings, but he does not steal the thunder of Donald Anderson's fine average of 131.00 as the result of scores of 75 not out against Craigengower and 56 against Army. E. F. Fincher, another K.C.C. player, is third with 53.50, made up by scores of 28 against Craigengower, 22 against Army and 57 not out against University.

Only six bowlers have qualified for inclusion and Anderson heads this list with very impressive figures. Notable absentees are Hatsleld of Army, Eddie Gosano of Recreio and Robbie Lee of

Following are the averages to date:

#### First Division

BATTING

(Qualification-2inns. av. of 15 and over.) I. O. R. H.S. Avge. N. Beltrao (Rec.) ..... 2 2 33 29\* Anderson D. J. N. ...... 2 1 131 75\* 131.00 (K.C.C.) A. H. Madar (I.R.C.) 2 1 38 30\* 38.00 Cpl. Webb (Army) .... 2 0 73 59 36.50 L. G. Gosano (Rec.) .. 2 0 73 72 During all these little interruptions, Lay K. Nazarin (I.R.C.) ... 2 0 56 54 E. L. Gosano (Rec.) .. 2 0 54 47 Y. el Arculli (I.R.C.) 3 1 41 23\* A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.) 3 0 60 25 J. Gosano (Rec.) ...., 2 0 39 20 E. Zimmern (C.C.C.) .. 2 0 38 37 M. el Arculli (I.R.C.) 3 1 37 194 18.50 Nevertheless the cricket he served up was H. L. Ozorio (Rec.) .... 2 1 17 13\* 17.00

> BOWLING (Qualification-two matches; five wickets; average 15 or under.) O. M. R. W. Avge.

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D. J. N. Anderson					
(K.C.C.)	10	1	36	7	5.14
H. L. Ozorio (Rec.)		6	66	8	8.25
G. Winch (C.C.C.)		2	69	7	9.85
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)		10	145	14	10.35
N. D. Lloyd (K.C.C.)			147	12	12.25
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)			117	9	13.00

#### Second Division

I O. R. H.S. Avge.

BATTING

ł	Major Swyers (Army) 2	2	40	27*		ĺ
	Lt. Fargus (Army) 2	1		56	66.00	
	H. A. Barros (Rec.) 3	1	108	55*	54.00	ŀ
	Lt. Man (Army) 2	0	77	64	38.50	١
I	Capt. Whatman (Army) 2	0	73	50	36.50	l
	H. M. Xavier (Rec.) 3	1	71	58*	35.50	l
1	G. A. Guterres (Rec.) 2	1	35	24*	35.00	l
ł	Q.M.S. Patterson (Army) 3	0	91	63	30.33	l
1	G. Ainsile (C.S.C.C.) 3	0	91	86	28.66	۱
1	W. L. Clarke (Police) 2	0	53	35	26.50	١
1	G. Hong Choy (Univ.) 2	0	52	49	26.00	l
١	M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.) 2	1	26	25	26.00	l
	A. J. Wright (C.S.C.C.) 2	1	25	13	25.00	ł
	F. J. Lay (K.C.C.) 4	0	87	44	21.75	I
	R. Baldwin (K.C.C.) 3	1	42		21.00	
	R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.) 3	ò		26	19.33	
		0	57	44	19.00	Į
	T. T. Chin (Univ.) 3	1	19	19	19.00	
	T. Locke (C.C.C.) 2	0	56	29		ļ
•	Capt. Lawrence (Army) 3	0	55	33	18.33	ſ
	G. Stone (C.S.C.C.) 3	_				
l.	W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.) 4 A. Hung (K.C.C.) 2 E. Curtis (K.C.C.) 4	0	73	71	19.00	
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	F. A. Curreem (I.R.C.) 2	0	35	22	17.50	
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	C. Pope (Police) 2	0			17.00	
	H. Danbrowsky (Police) 2	0	34	34	17.00	
•	N. Broadbridge (C.C.C.) 2	1	17	16	17.00	
•	A. V. Gosano (Rec.) 2	<u> </u>	33	17	15.50	
	R. M. Soares (Univ.) 2	0	31	25	15.60	3.
-		0	45	24	15.00	
	BOWLING					
					Avge.	-
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8	J. E. Noronha (Rec.) 1	4.3	2	49 8	5.44	
-	Q. A. Quterres (Rec.) 1	6	2	59 Ą	7.38	
	Lt. Peal (Army)	В	1 (	54 7	7.71	
	N. Singh (Univ.) 2	:1,5	0 1	23 12	10.25	
e	Q. E. Taylor (K.C.C.) 2	5.6	12 1	07 10	10.70	
C	E. Curtis (K.C.C.) 2	8.2	4	69 f	12.35	
	R. Baldwin (K.C.C.) 8	, Q	2	12	18.66	
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	Carrie took a hot e and l	b.	whi	e B	urnett	

Curtis took a hot c and b, while Burnett brought off one of the most spectacular catches seen on the ground for a long time when he took a hard left-handed chance M.C.C. accepted all the chances offered. low down off Byed Mahmeed, at short leg.

## AND MADAR ARE. MASTERED

(By "ADREM")

The improvement in the Recreio senior eleven was demonstrated on Saturday in their match against Indian Recreation Club but, despite a batting display which must rank as their finest since their return to Senior Division, they were held to a draw.

prised at this result. I expected, if anything, that Recreio would have had a far rougher time of it than I.R.C. secured their first win in Junior they did, as I did not expect their batsmen, improvement notwithstanding, to take such complete command of the bowling of A. R. Minu and A. H. Madar.

The latter failed for once with the ball but played a typical innings which really put paid to the champions' chances of forcing an outright win.

Batting first, Recreio were never in difficulty. Left-handed L. G. Gosano and his youngest brother, J. M. Gosano, put on 60 for the first wicket, of which L. G. claimed almost 40, and thereafter runs came steadily, with Soares, P. M. N. da Silva and H. L. Ozorio all reaching double-figures. 45 RUNS IN FIVE OVERS

Minu bowled steadily, conceding only 11 runs in his first five overs, but not until the opposition started to go for the runs did he take wickets. He finished up with 3 for 56, his last five overs conceding 45 runs.

A. M. Rumjahn did not permit many liberties to be taken with his bowling. His analysis was the best of the innings, his three wickets costing only 10 runs spiece.

I.R.C. ran up against trouble almost immediately. With only 12 runs on the board, Bob Arculli, who opened the innings for the first time this season, was caught by G. N. Gosano off Ozorio and although A. H. Rumjahn and A. R. Kitchell offered some measure of resistance to add a further 22, the latter fell to the wiles of the same bowler with the score at 35.

Rumjahn did not long survive and after M. el Arculli and A. H. Madar had carried the score to 56 before the dismissal of the former, A. M. Rumjahn was dismissed with HOPES DASHED

At this stage the score-board read 58 for 5 and whatever hopes I.R.C. might have had of forcing a win had evaporated.

Madar, however, was still there and after two more wickets had fallen to Ozorio, he was joined by his brother, with whom he successfully held the fort until stumps were drawn.

Ozorio maintained his reputation for consistency by taking six of the seven wickets!

I cannot say that I was greatly sur- | that fell for only 38 runs. As ever, he was backed by a keen field.

FIRST I.R.C. WIN

Division when they beat University, who found it difficult to raise a side after the first eleven had made exhaustive claims on their juniors. R. M. Soares top-scored for the undergraduates with 25 and the side totalled 80, Y. T. Barma securing 4 for 15. H. T. Barma, 24 run out, and M. I. Razack (25) put I.R.C. well on the way to victory and the visitors won by 6 wickets. N. Singh had 3 for 41 in a total of 83 for 6.

V. Mendonca secured 4 for 29 and scored 44 for combined St. Joseph's and La Salle, but Craigengower just scrambled home by



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### WEEK-END SOCCER

The following is the programme for the week-end:-

TO-MORROW Combined Chinese v United Services (Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.).

Referee:-Omarihat Linesmen:-Hincheliffe and Ford. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1940 Interport Game Hong Kong V. . Saigon

(Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.) Referee:-Stokes. Linesmen:-Beard and Foster.

SATURDAY Eastern v Saigon (Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.)

Second Division Ordnance v South China (Military ground, 2.45 p.m.) Third Division 12th R.A.

. . v. 5th A.A.R.A. · · · (Stanley, 2.45 p.m.) · · · 24th R.A. . . Engineers (St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)

## TO DAY'S SOCCER

The Second Round Senior Shield soccer tie between Police and Middlesex will be played this afternoon at Boundary Street at 4 p.m.

University meet Police in their postponed Second Division encounter on the same ground at 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Service Corps v South China (Military, 4.15 p.m.) Kumaons v Electric (Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)

(Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.) Referee:-Mitchell. Linesmen:-Clark and Minnihan.

South China A.A. v Salgon

## ENGINEERS' RUGBY

In the only Army League Rugby game, Royal Engineers:-Otway; Jones, Artingplayed yesterday at Sookunpoo, Royal En- stall, Picton and Birrell; Waite and Foley;

had more of the ball in the scrums. Waite played a good game as also did Birrell. The Middlesex forwards worked hard and Wookey, Harlock, Gilham and Berry. played well on the whole but their full-back was weak.

The first half was closely contested, Sappers taking the lead when Birrell kicked a grand penalty goal from some 30 yards out, and soon after the same player crossed over for a try, which he failed-to convert In the second half Sappers went further shead through two unconverted tries by

Birrell. The other game, between Royal Scots and 5th A.A., Royal Artillery, was not played Hong Kong Rifle: Association will be held

gineers beat Middlesex by a penalty goal. Pike, Appeley, Davis, Eouzan, Blackman,

Martin, Brinkley and Sheldrake. The Sappers were the heavier pack and Middlesex:-Holdford; Fergusson, Man, Maggeridge and Witham; Weedon and Jones; Pearce, Hewitt, Burrell, Jennings,

## To-night's Boxing

The Finals of the Hong Kong Army Area Inter-Unit Novice Boxing tournament will take place this evening at 8,30 p.m. at Murray Barracks. . . .

The weekly spoon and practice shoot of due to a misunderstanding regarding the this afternoon at the Kowloon City Range starting at 1.45 p.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COM-PANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Director together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December,

1939. The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

#### HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

#### INTERPORT MATCHES

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the programme for the matches against Salgon has been re-arranged as follows:-

Hong Kong v Saigon. Friday, February 9, 1940.

Eastern A.A. v Saigon. Saturday, Feb. 10, 1940.

South China A.A. v Saigon. Sunday, February 11, 1940.

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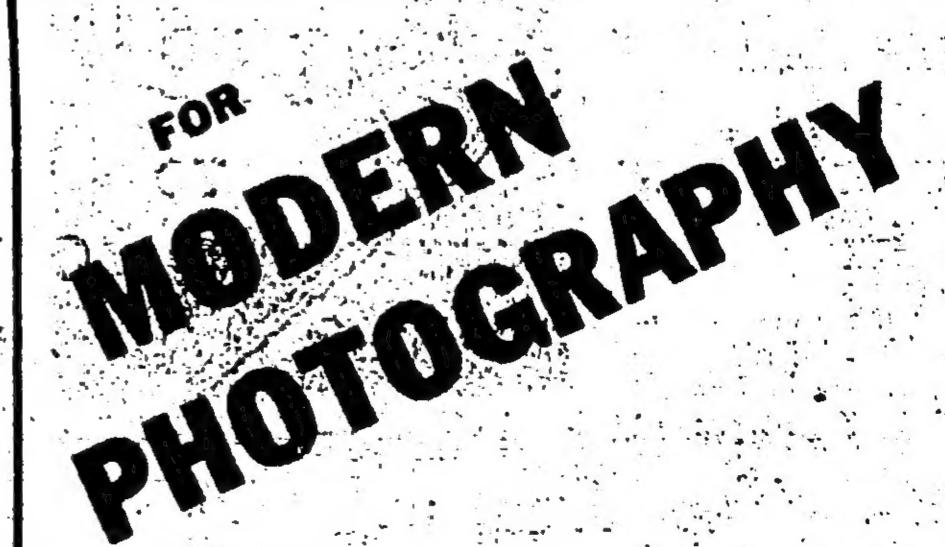
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## MEAT RATIONING IN BRITAIN

London, To-day. Mr. W. S. Morrison, Minis-

ter of Food, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that rationing of butcher's meat will be introduced on Monday, March 11.

Rationing will be on a value basis and at first everyone over 6 years of age will be allowed to buy 1/-10d. worth a week.

was Home produced, said Mr. Mor- period." - Reuter. rison.

Restaurants and other catering establishments will be permitted to serve meat meals free of coupons.

For children less than 6 years the value per week allowed will be 11d.

Mr. Morrison said it was intended to keep the supply situation under constant review and to modify rationing from time to time in the light of existing cir-

cumstances. industrial schools, canteens and other catering establishments forms of would be permitted to serve meat meals free of coupons, but the supply to them of all kinds of butchers' meat | Euston Railway Station-and the other would be restricted to their normal two at Birmingham and Manchester. requirements. — Reuter.

Ottawa, To-day. Lord Tweedsmuir's secretary described the injury as "ordinary concussion." He did not believe there was any reason for grave concern, though specialists were called from Montreal as a precautionary measure. - Reuter.

## NO PROSPECT OF EARLY PEACE

Washington, To-day. There is no prospect of an early peace in Europe, according to a statement by the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull.

Information published yesterday shows that while giving evidence before the House of Representatives appropriations committee regarding the State Department's annual appropriation, which amounted to about \$20,000,000, Mr. Hull said: "It now A large proportion of the meat appears certain that the strain and available for civilian consumption danger may continue for an indefinite

## OUTRAGES

There were four explosions yesterday morning in Bri-For the initial period, restaurants | tain, caused by bombs concealed in parcels sent through the Post.

Two occurred in London—at the

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of the Coventry explosion of August 14.—Reuter.

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#### PRESS STOP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day. Official quarters in Berlin categorically deny rumours of eventual German mediation in the Finno-Russian conflict which were circulated on the occasion of the simultaneous arrival in Berlin of the German Ambassador in Moscow and the German Minister in Helsinki.

Official Nazi circles declare the conflict does not concern Germany, who carefully avoids direct or indirect implication into it.

Meanwhile, foreign observers are somewhat puzzled at the attitude of the inspired Nazi press, which is playing up Finnish successes.

The puppet Finnish government is never mentioned in Berlin, while the Finnish consul has just received the German exequatur, thus showing that normal relations prevail with Helsinki.

Observers consider that this attitude may be dictated by a desire not to hurt Italy's feelings, but they simultaneously note the resumption of the activities of Alfred Rosenberg, the racial theoretician and violent anti-Bolshevik.

Yesterday, for the first time in months, Herr Rosenberg delivered an official address at the Nazi party's political education committee. - Havas.

#### (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. The influential Paris daily, "Le Temps," urges moderation in the Yunnan ranway bomping inci-"The affair is dent, and says: serious indeed but everything must be done to avoid aggravating it by hasty interpretauons.

"Certain elements do not miss an opportunity of propagating alarming rumours at a moment when public opinion is especially nervous.

"France has rights, which will be defended by diplomatic action according to the methods suitable to France's dignity as a great power.

"On the other hand, until definite proof to the contrary is obtained, the Japanese Government's good faith must not be doubted. Prospects of a loyal and lasting settlement exist."

Recalling the circumstances of the incident, the journal says: "The first impression received here was that the local Japanese military had acted on their own initiative. It would not have been the first time since the beginning of the China Incident.

"However, after the Gaimusho spokesman's statement this interpretation of the incident could not be held.

"This statement cannot constitute in itself an answer to the French protest or a satisfactory explanation of the incident. The spokesman's views that Tokyo cannot make pledges for future bombings carried out only for military reasons cannot be considered as justifying attacks on an international railway causing civilian victims."-Havas.

#### (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day. Soviet newspapers dated Jan. 31, which have just reached Denmark, contain Dutch reports of a speech delivered on Jan. 30 by Michailov, secretary of the Communist Youth.

Michailov declared that an agreement had been reached between Germany and the Soviet for a struggle against religion, which was the enemy of both countries.

The Catholic clergy in Poland, he said, constitute an especially hostile element.

Germany and the Soviet had conferred on the question and had decided on common measures; they had agreed to exchange information on the subject.

Michailov pointed out, however, that the Soviet opposition to religion was based on Marxism, while the German opposition was based on racism; thus common action was impossible on certain aspects, notably the Jewish problem. -Havas.

Shanghal, To-day. The negotiations for restoration of Hongkew and Yangtsepoo to the exclusive control of the Municipal Council are reported to have collapsed following a deadlock, acco-ding to the "China Press."

Discussions on the subject are said to have been conducted in strict secrecy, and the newspaper learns that the collapse followed the reaching of a tentative solution last week providing for the gradual return of Hongkew and Yangtsepoo to the S.M.C., the removal of the Japanese-erected barriers on bridges spanning Soochow Creek and elsewhere by May 1, and the withdrawal of Japanese sentries.

In return for the withdrawal of Japanese military control the Japanese authorities are reported to have asked for an increase in the number of Japanese policemen in the S.M.C. stations in the northern areas and also authority to carry out searches as they deemed necessary.—Reuter.

#### (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day. Informed quarters confirm that the resignation of General Reynders, the Netherlands commanderin-chief, was due to the fact that the Government refused to impose martial law throughout the coun-

The influential "Telegraaf" says in an editorial: "It is a matter for regret that General Reynder's advisers pushed him to claim full enforcement of his programme or

resign. "It would be unfair to Dutch citizens to put them under military rule in time of peace, when everyone is sure they would do their duty magnificently if war

came. "The granting of extended powto the Minister of Justice would have been sufficient for the preservation of peace and order, and martial law was unnecessary."--Havas.-

## I.R.A. BOMB

London, To-day.

It is presumed the bombs are part of a terrorist campaign by the I.R.A. in connection with to-day's execution of two Irishmen who were sentenced to death when they were found guilty

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